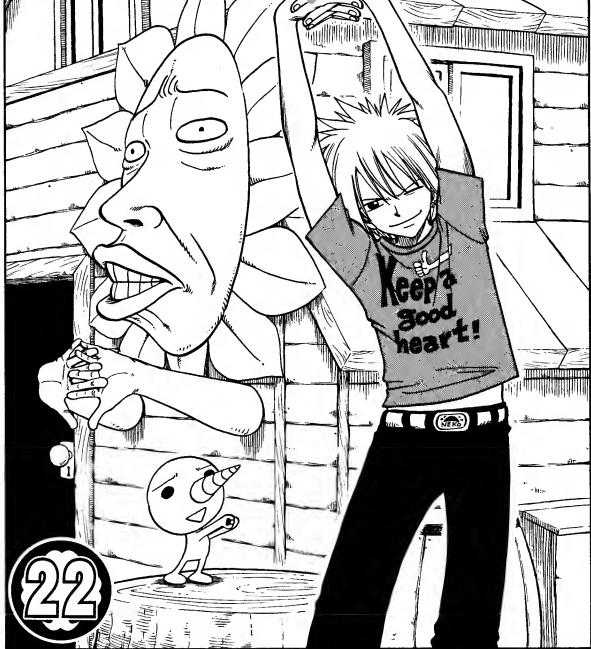


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THE STORY SO FAR...

Haru finally defeats *Lucia*... but cannot bring himself to slay his foe. It is a short-lived victory though, as the **Forgotten King**, "*Endless*," (a giant, super-powerful being of light), emerges from under the Star Vestige. While Haru and the others try to figure out a way to stop this titan of a threat, *Sieg* arrives at his hometown to find that *Miltz*, the town sage has formed an alliance with **DC**. Sieg is captured and due to be executed, but a friend breaks him out. Seen as an enemy of the town, Sieg single-handedly defeats its citizens...leaving only the mighty *Haja the Infinite* standing between him and freedom.



THE **RAVE MASTER** CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elle.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET

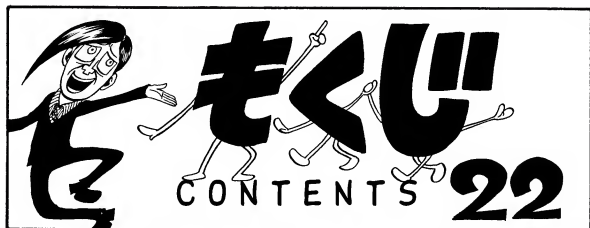
A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

THE ORACION SIX

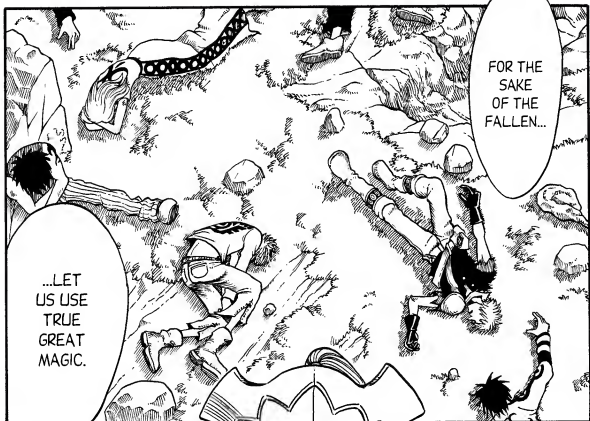
Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

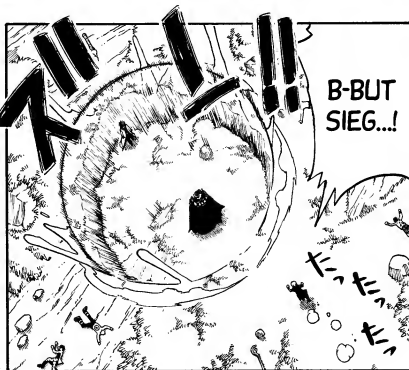
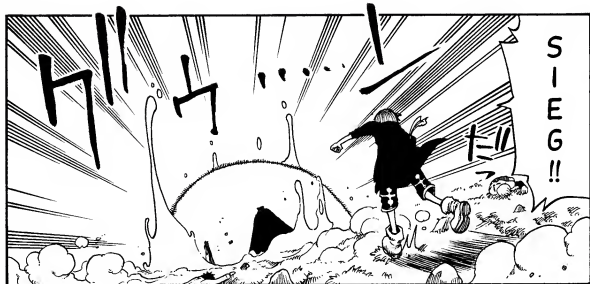


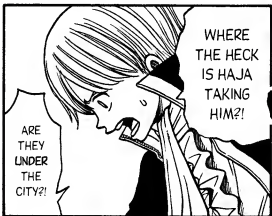
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RAVE MASTER











THEN
WHY NOT
TELL
ME?

CORRECT.



I HELPED
YOU?



MILTZ
SENT YOU
TO REMEDY
THAT.

BUT I
MIGHT
NOT HAVE
DEFEATED
KING
ALONE.



IT SEEMS I
WAS RIGHT
TO BE, AS
YOU HAVE
BETRAYED
US.

DECEIVING MY
FOES WAS OF
THE UTMOST
PRIORITY. YOU
ARE YOUNG AND
EMOTIONAL, AND I
WAS CONCERNED.



スウウウ...!



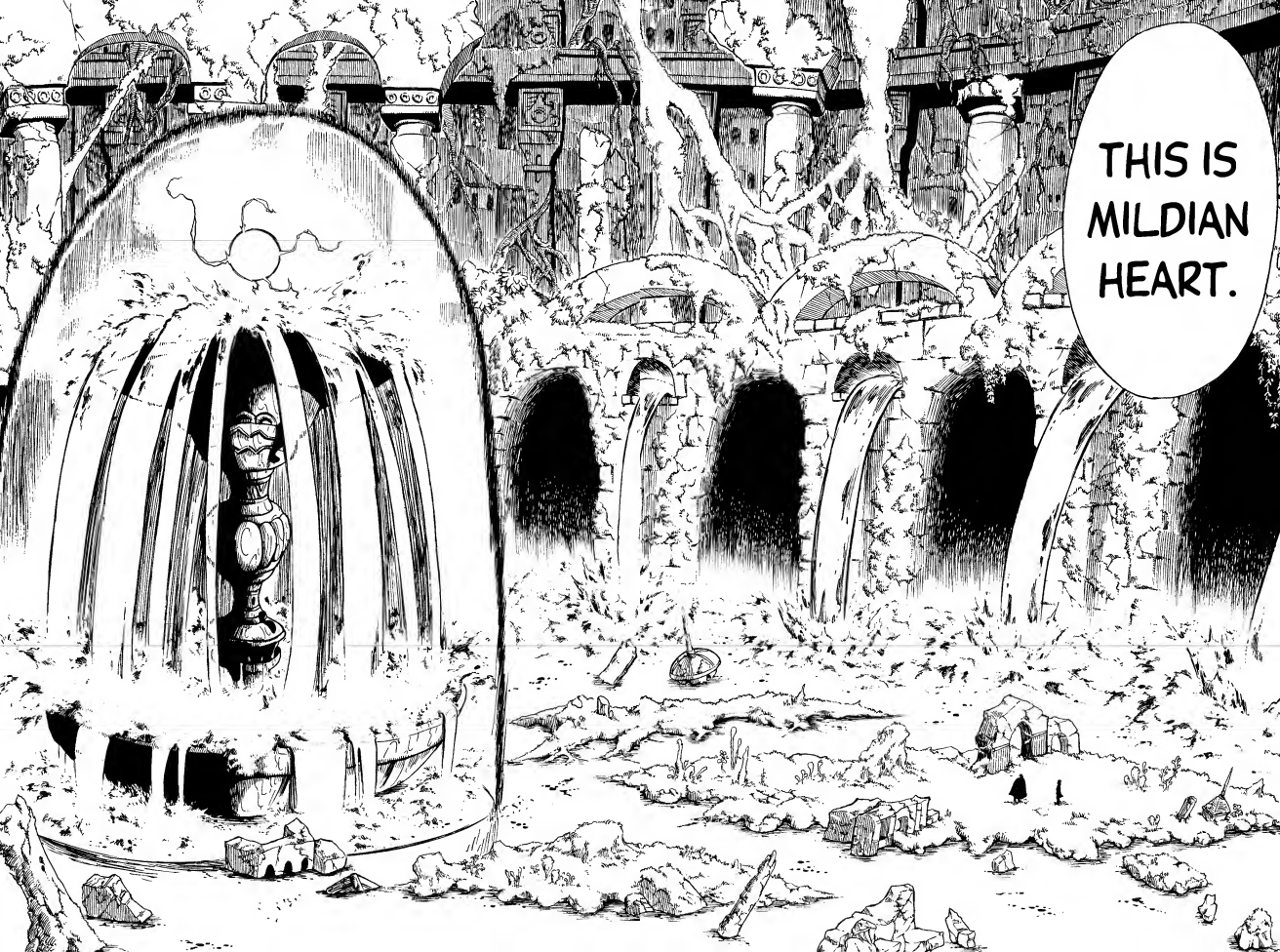
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PLACE...



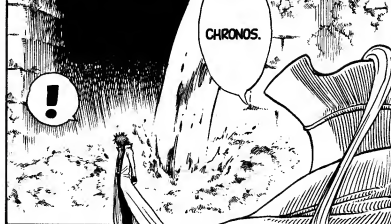
YOU
ARE A
FOOL.



I
SHOULD
HAVE
DONE SO
SOONER.



THIS IS
MILDIAN
HEART.

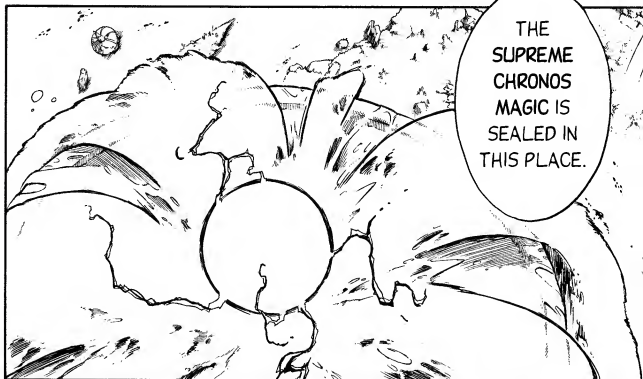


CHRONOS.

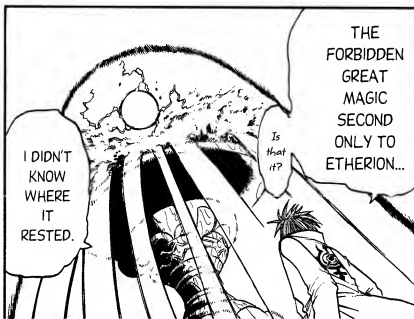


THE CORE
OF THE
CITY OF
MAGIC ...

WHY
ARE
WE
HERE?



THE
SUPREME
CHRONOS
MAGIC IS
SEALED IN
THIS PLACE.



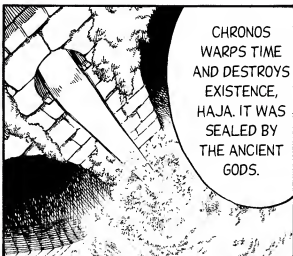
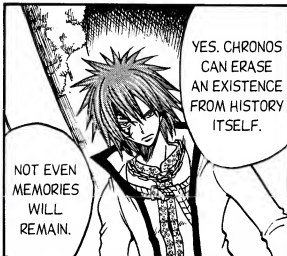
I DIDN'T
KNOW
WHERE
IT
RESTED.

THE
FORBIDDEN
GREAT
MAGIC
SECOND
ONLY TO
ETHERION...

Is
that
it?



CHRONOS?!



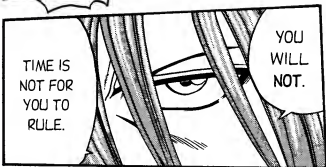


DEMON CARD,
THE RAVE
MASTER AND
ENDLESS
OTHERS
MUST BE
DESTROYED!

A FOOLISH
QUESTION!
CHRONOS
IS MEANT
FOR WAR.



WHAT
DO YOU
INTEND
TO DO
WITH
CHRO-
NOS?!



TIME IS
NOT FOR
YOU TO
RULE.

YOU
WILL
NOT.



THEN I
WILL
RULE
TIME. NO,
I WILL
RULE
ALL!



IT MUST
ONLY BE
PROTECTED
FOR GLOBAL
HARMONY!

TIME
WILL
NOT BE
RULED!



THEN WHO DO
YOU PROPOSE
AS A MORE
WORTHY
RULER?!

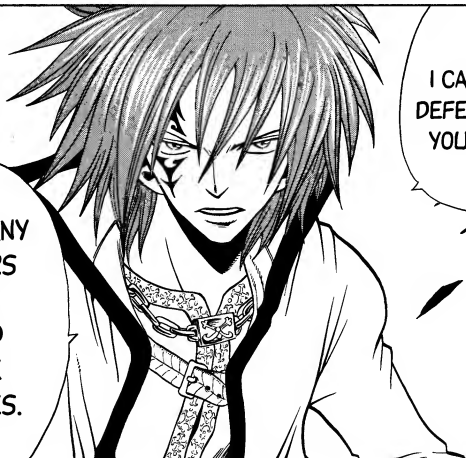
WHAT
PROTECTION
CAN ONE
HONESTLY
PROVIDE FOR
SUCH A FORCE?

PROTECTED?
A GREAT AND
INTANGIBLE
POWER SUCH
AS TIME?

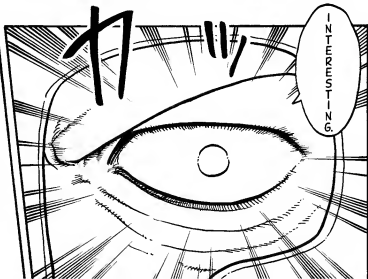


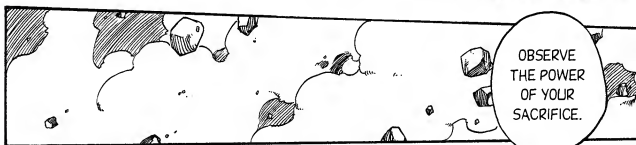
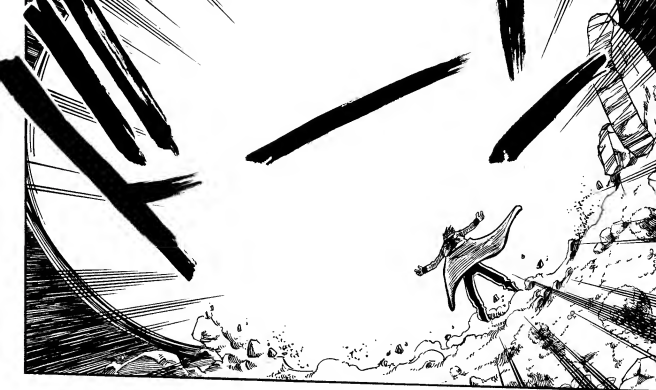
I CAN
DEFEAT
YOU...

...AND ANY
OTHERS
WHO
HOLD
DARK
DESIRES.

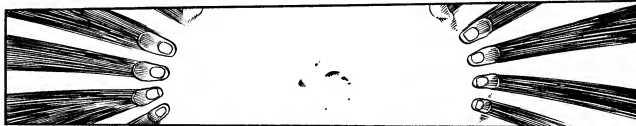


INTERESTING.





OBSERVE
THE POWER
OF YOUR
SACRIFICE.

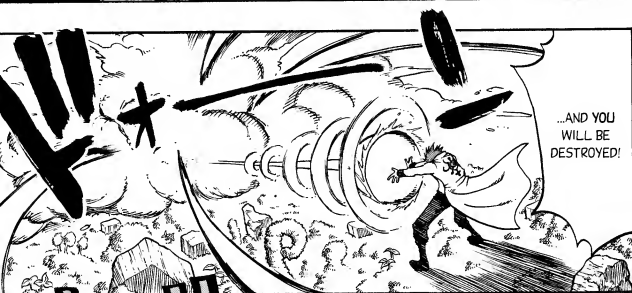


COM-
PRESSION?!



YOUR
ATTACKS
CANNOT
SUCCEED.

THE
MAGIC OF
MILDIAN
IS WITHIN
ME.



A character with spiky hair, wearing a white shirt, black pants, and a long white cape, is shown in a dynamic pose, dodging several large, dark, X-shaped swords falling from the sky. The character is moving towards the right, with a large splash of energy or impact visible behind them. The background is filled with falling debris and more swords.

SPACE
MAGIC-- THE
SEVEN-
PLANET
SWORD,
GRANSHARIO!!

The bottom panel is split into two sections. The left section shows a close-up of a character's face with spiky hair and a determined expression. The right section shows a large, open mouth with a screaming face inside, surrounded by motion lines, indicating a shout or a powerful sound effect.

DO YOU
NOT KNOW
GREATER
SPACE
MAGIC?



BEHOLD,
ABOVE
YOU.

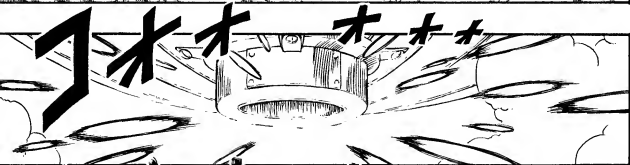


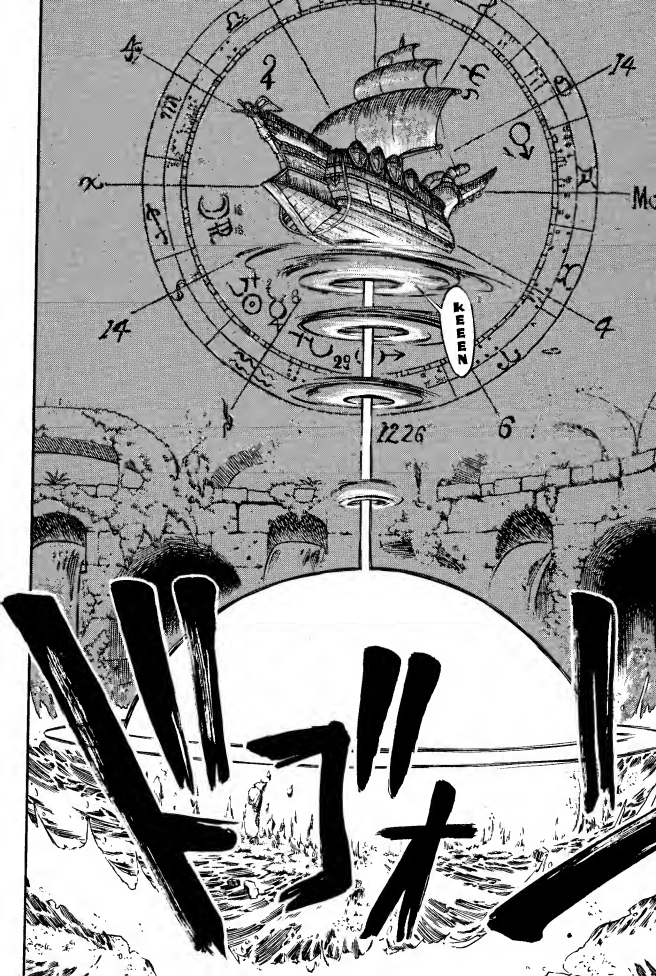
SPACE
MAGIC...

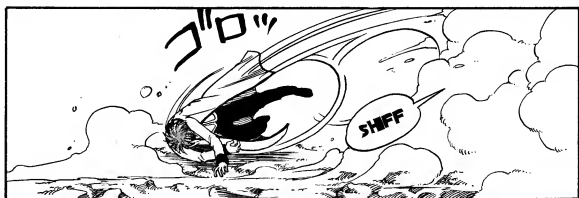


SPACE
MAGIC--
FINOMEINA
!!

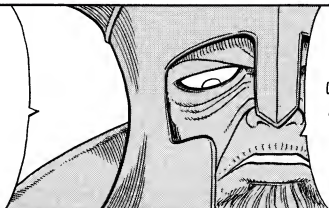
A
A
A
A
A
A
H
!!







THE
MAGIC
OF THIS
CITY
WILL
SOON
RUN OUT.



HOW
UNFORTUNATE...
ATTACKS ONLY
DRAIN YOUR
FINITE ENERGY.

YOU
CANNOT
DEFEAT
ME.

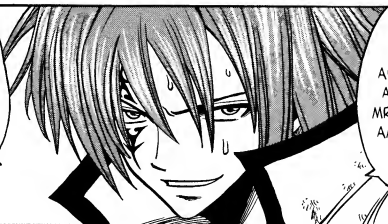
MY INFINITE
POWER
WILL
NEVER
DIMINISH.

SUBMIT AS MY
SACRIFICE TO
THE MIGHTY
CHRONOS!



TELL ME...
IS THIS FIGHT
NOT MEAN-
INGLESS?

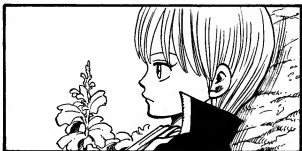
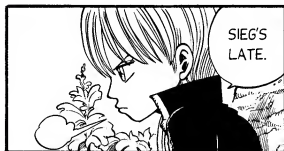
THEN I'LL
SIMPLY
HAVE TO
CRUSH YOU
BEFORE
TIME RUNS
OUT!

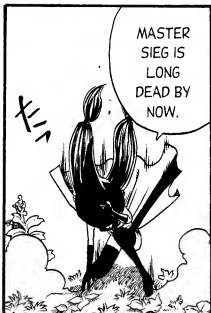


ARE WE IN
A HURRY,
MR. INFINITE
AMBITION?

RAVE MASTER

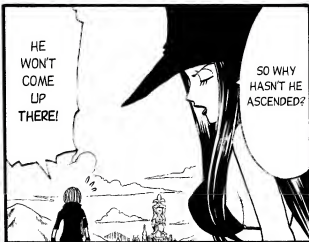








HE
WON'T
COME
UP
THERE!



SO WHY
HASN'T HE
ASCENDED?



HE IS NOT.
I KNOW
HE'LL
WIN!



AND YOU
HONESTLY
THINK HE'LL
LISTEN?

SO I'LL
ASK
MASTER
MILTZ!



THEY'RE WITH
THE SEALED
CHRONOS, NIEBEL!
NO ONE ENTERS
BUT MASTERS
HAJA AND MILTZ!



DO YOU
KNOW HOW
CRAZY YOU
SOUND,
NIEBEL?!

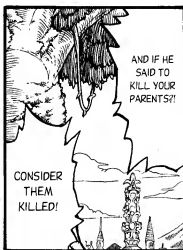
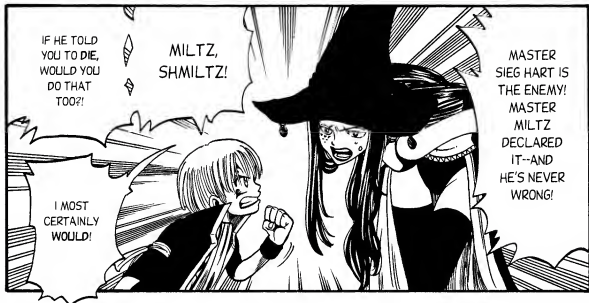
I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
SIEG! I
HAVE
TO GO!



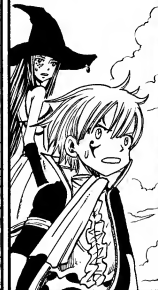
THEN YOU
ASK HIM
FOR ME!



WHAT?!







HUH?

COME
ALONG,
NOW.

IT WOULD
BE GOOD TO
CONFIRM
SIEG'S
"DEATH."



I SAID
HE
ISN'T
DEAD!

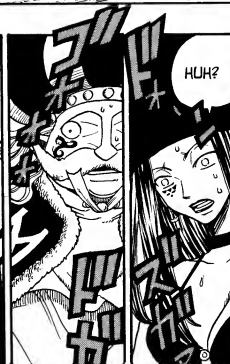
I'M LATE--AND
I'D LIKE TO SEE
SIEG'S BODY.

MASTER
MILTZ...ARE
YOU FEELING
ALL RIGHT?



WHA
...?

NO
WAY!



HUH?



!

ARE THEY
STILL
FIGHTING?!

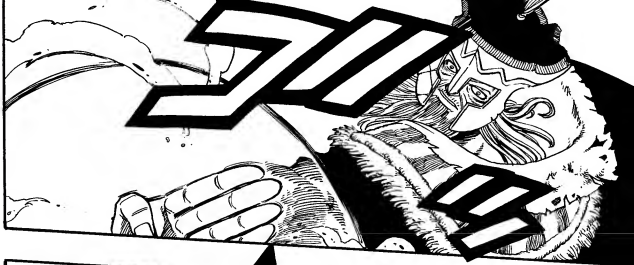
...IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN A
WEEK!!

NO
WAY!!

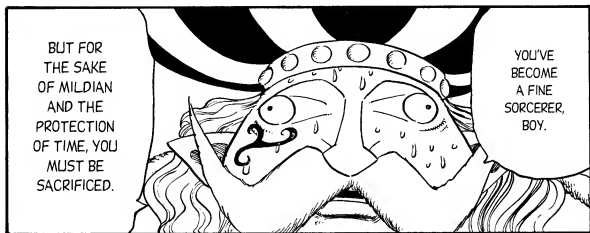
"LEAVE
WHILE
YOU
CAN"

"I'LL
MEET UP
WITH YOU
ONCE I'VE
WON"

BUT...

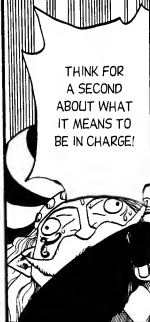








THROWING
AWAY ALL
THOSE
LIVES...

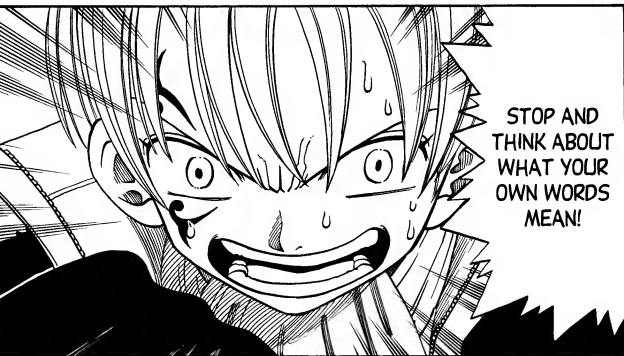


THINK FOR
A SECOND
ABOUT WHAT
IT MEANS TO
BE IN CHARGE!



THEN
HILDE, AND
FLICKA,
AND THE
PEOPLE OF
TOWN DO
WHATEVER
YOU SAY!

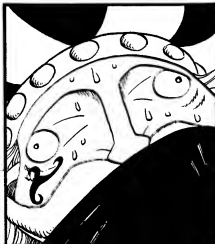
YOU KEEP
TELLING
EVERYONE
THAT
SIEG HAS
TO DIE!

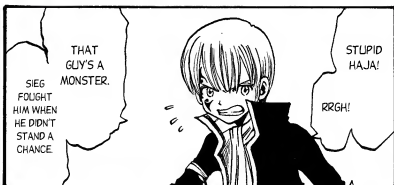
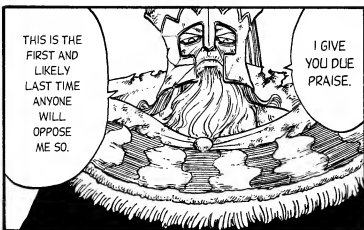
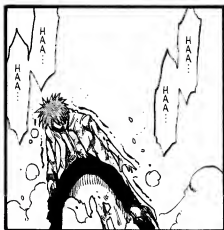


STOP AND
THINK ABOUT
WHAT YOUR
OWN WORDS
MEAN!



169 HOURS,
24 MINUTES.







LET'S MOVE
FROM HERE
AND SOLVE
THIS DIPLO-
MATICALLY!

SIEG THOUGHT
HE WAS
PROTECTING
TIME--THAT
IS NO GREAT
CRIME!



I CANNOT
LET HIM
LIVE.

I REFUSE.
SIEG IS
CHRONOS'S
SACRIFICE.



I DESIRE
CHRONOS
FOR
MYSELF.

ONLY
THAT ALL
SORCERERS
WISH TO
MASTER
THEIR CRAFT.



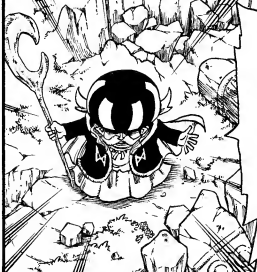
CHRONOS?



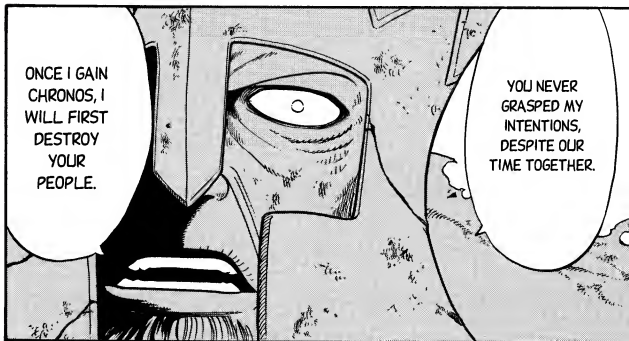
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
BY THAT,
HAJA?!



ALL HAS
BEEN FOR
THIS.



WHAT?! HAJA,
CHRONOS IS
FORBIDDEN! NO
SORCERER CAN
VIOLATE THAT!



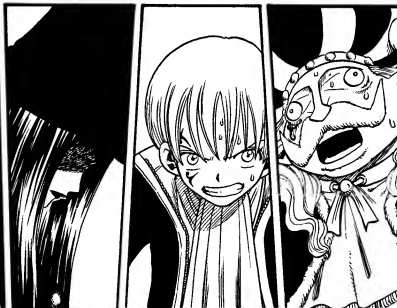
ONCE I GAIN
CHRONOS, I
WILL FIRST
DESTROY
YOUR
PEOPLE.

YOU NEVER
GRASPED MY
INTENTIONS,
DESPITE OUR
TIME TOGETHER.



HAJA, YOU
WOULD
BETRAY
YOUR OWN
KIND?!

WHAT?!
YOU
MEAN TO
BETRAY
US?!



WHAT?! HAJA,
CHRONOS IS
FORBIDDEN! NO
SORCERER CAN
VIOLATE THAT!





MY FEELINGS
WON'T LIE,
DESPITE MY
INTENTIONS!

MY HEART IS
GLAD THAT
MASTER SIEG
IS ALIVE!



I KNOW
YOU AGREE
WITH HER,
MASTER
MILTZ.



HE
COULD'VE
KILLED
EVERYONE.
YOU KNOW
THAT.



HE
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU, EVEN
AFTER YOU
TURNED
ON HIM.

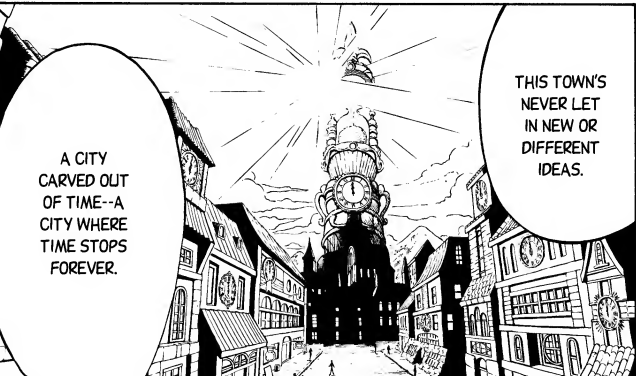


EVERYONE
TRIED TO KILL
SIEG, BUT HE
STILL PULLED
HIS PUNCHES.



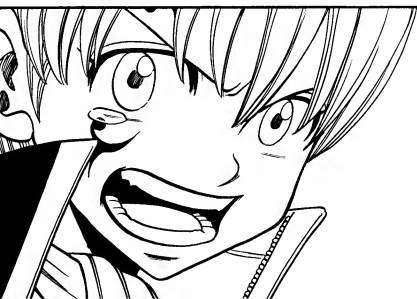
AND HE
MADE THAT
DECISION
COMPLETELY
ON HIS OWN.

BUT HE
STILL DID
WHAT HE
HAD TO
WITHOUT
TAKING
A LIFE.



A CITY
CARVED OUT
OF TIME--A
CITY WHERE
TIME STOPS
FOREVER.

THIS TOWN'S
NEVER LET
IN NEW OR
DIFFERENT
IDEAS.



SIEG'S
GONNA
START A
NEW TIME
FOR THIS
CITY!

I DON'T
WANT...
TO LOSE...
ALL MY
PRECIOUS
PEOPLE.

PERHAPS...
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

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RUN...ALL
OF YOU.
THIS IS
NO...FOE
FOR YOU.

YOU DARE TO
CHALLENGE
ME, IN YOUR
WEAKNESS?

MASTER
MILTZ!

THIS IS
NOT FOR
TIME, BUT
FOR THOSE
I MUST
PROTECT!

MY
DECISION
HAS
BEEN
MADE!

Symphonia Alphabet

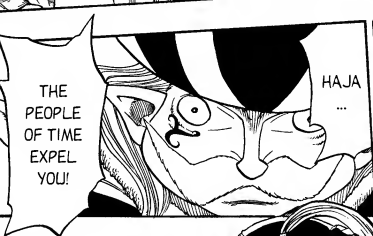
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RE 		ME 	HE 	NE 	TE 	SE 	KE 	E
RO 	YO 	MO 	HO 	NO 	TO 	SO 	KO 	O
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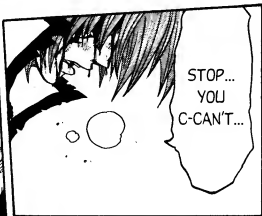
HE'S FOUGHT
FOR SEVEN
DAYS. HE
MUST BE
EXHAUSTED!

INFINITE
ENERGY
OR NO,
HAJA'S
BODY
HAS
LIMITS.



THE
PEOPLE
OF TIME
EXPEL
YOU!

HAJA
...



STOP...
YOU
C-CAN'T...



THE
PEOPLE
OF TIME
SHALL
PERISH BY
MY HAND!

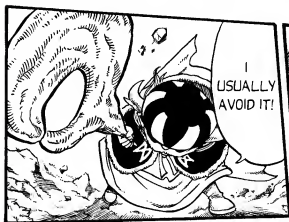
I CAME
BACK
ONLY TO
USE YOU.

FINE. IT IS
TIME TO RID
MY FACE OF
YOUR MARK,
ANYWAY.



ENTER THE
WORMHOLE!

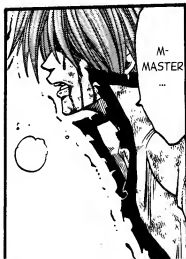
YOU ARE
THE ONE
WHO
WILL
PERISH!



I
USUALLY
AVOID IT!



YOU CAN
USE
SUCH A
THING,
MILTZ?!



M-
MASTER
...

GREAT VOID
MAGIC WILL
PUNISH YOUR
INFINITE
WICKEDNESS!

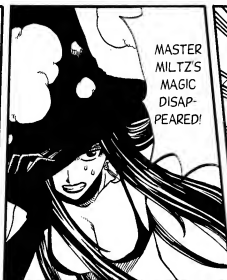
EVERYTHING
THAT
ENTERS A
WORMHOLE
IS
ANNHILATED!

IT'S
BETRAYING
THOSE
YOU'VE
SWORN TO
PROTECT FOR
YOUR OWN
AMBITIONS!

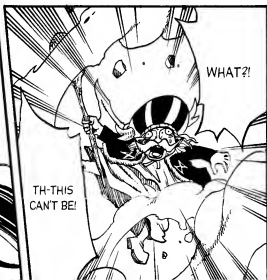
I'M
BEGINNING TO
UNDERSTAND
EVIL, HAJA.



YOU'RE
WASTING
YOUR
TIME!

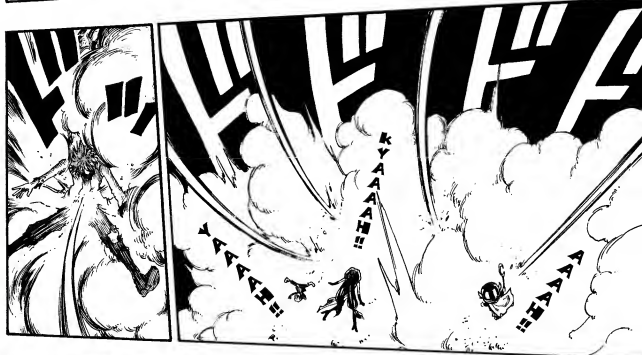


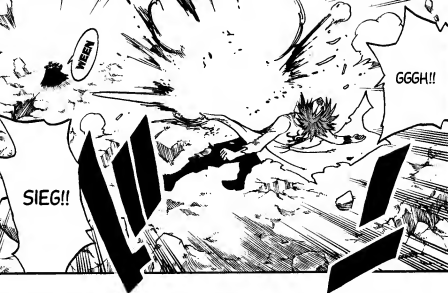
MASTER
MILTZ'S
MAGIC
DISAP-
PEARED!

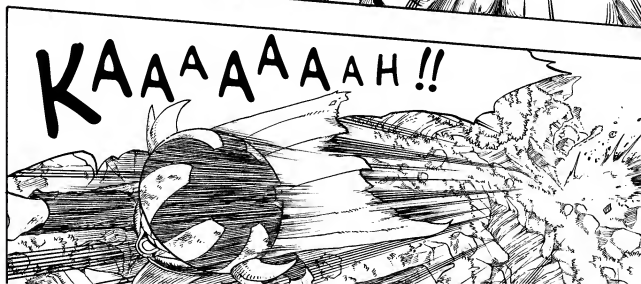
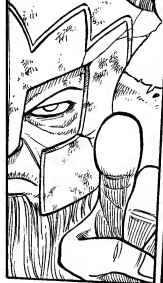


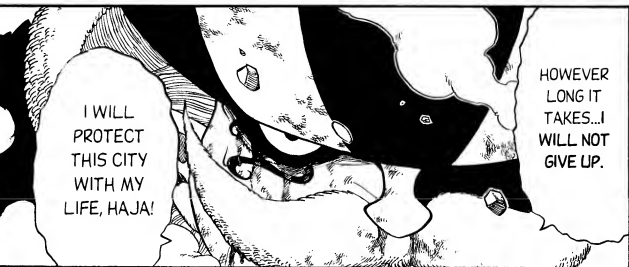
WHAT?!

TH-THIS
CAN'T BE!



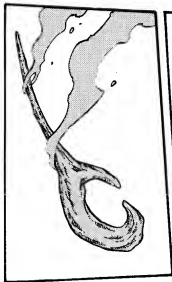






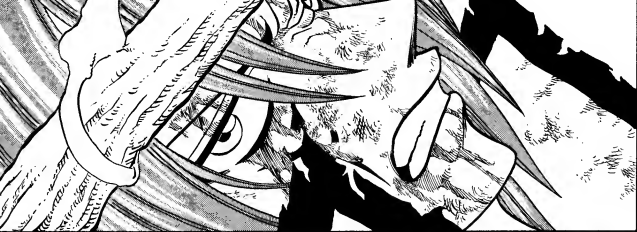


I LOVE
THIS
CITY!



CLATTER



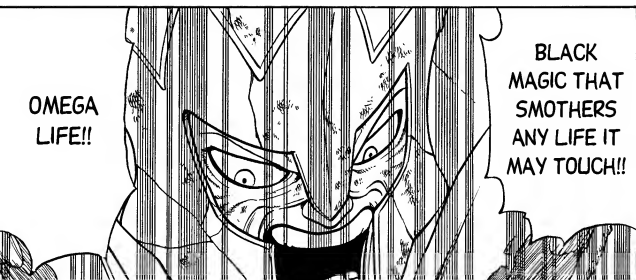


MY SUPERIOR
MAGIC WILL
ANNIHILATE
EVERYTHING!!

NOW MY
WORLD
WILL
BEGIN!



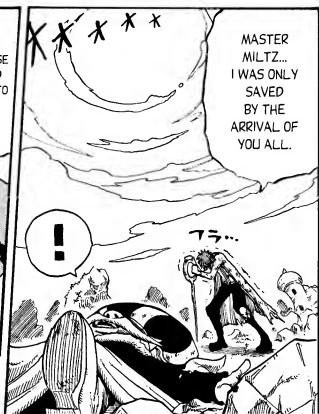
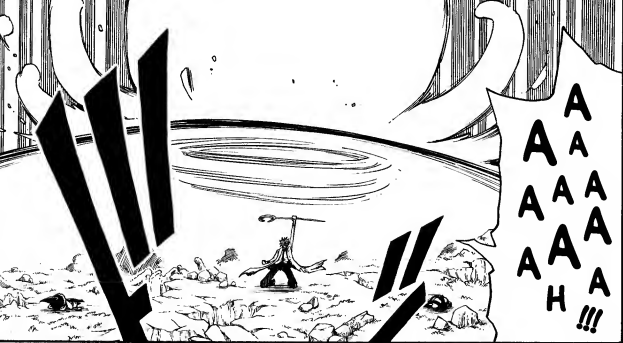
YOUR
TRIFLING
TEATIME
HAS ENDED!

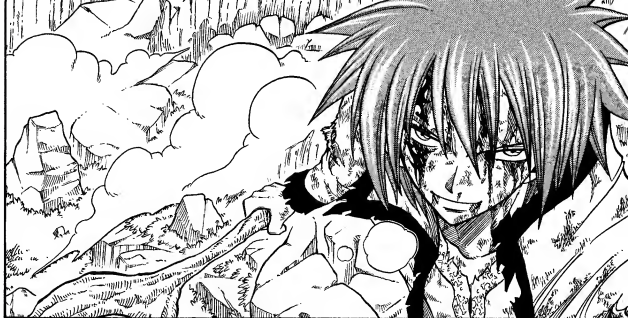


OMEGA
LIFE!!

BLACK
MAGIC THAT
SMOTHERS
ANY LIFE IT
MAY TOUCH!!





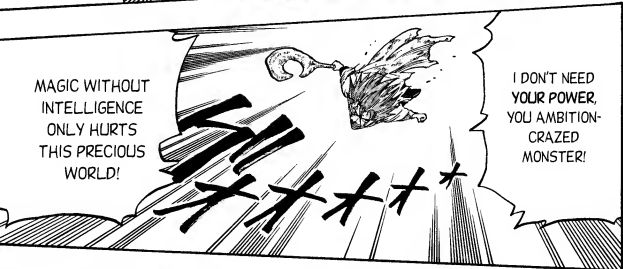


YOU
STRUGGLE
IN VAIN!
YOU'RE A
POWERLESS
SORCERER!



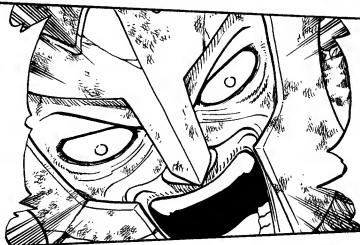
IMPUDENT
FOOL!

MAGIC WITHOUT
INTELLIGENCE
ONLY HURTS
THIS PRECIOUS
WORLD!



I DON'T NEED
YOUR POWER,
YOU AMBITION-
CRAZED
MONSTER!

THE FINAL
POWER
WILL BE
MINE! I WILL
TREASURE IT
AND MASTER
SORCERY!

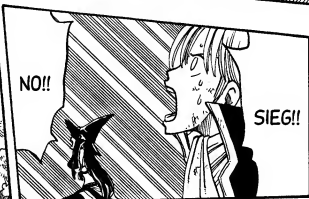


YOU RALLY
BEHIND
INTELLIGENCE?
POWER IS
SUPERIOR!

AND YOU'LL
LEARN
THAT THE
HARD WAY!!

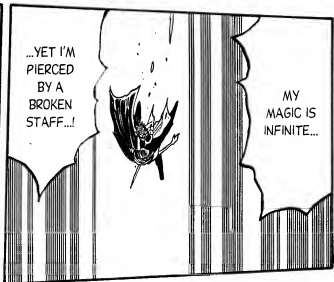
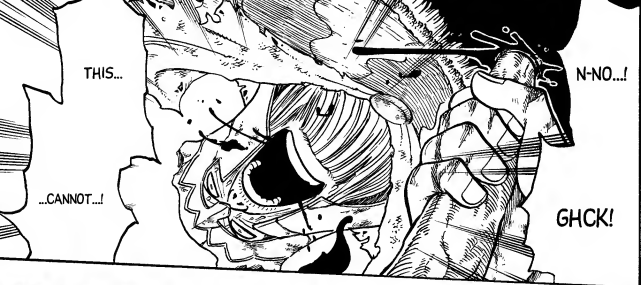


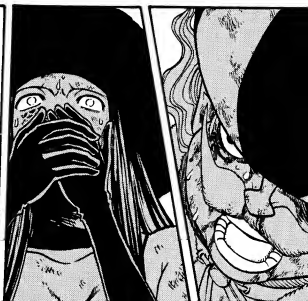
POWER
DOESN'T
LAST,
HAJA!





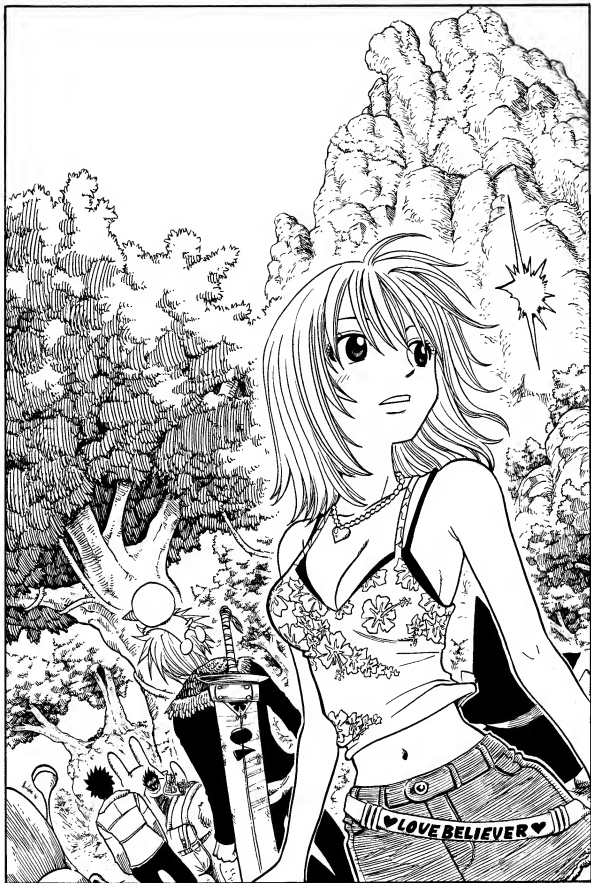
ITS INFINITY
IS GREATER
THAN YOUR
MAGIC!!



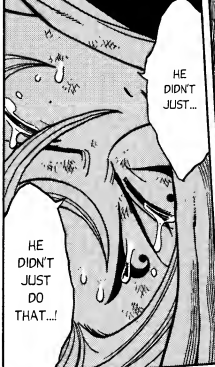


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!!!









HE
DIDN'T
JUST...

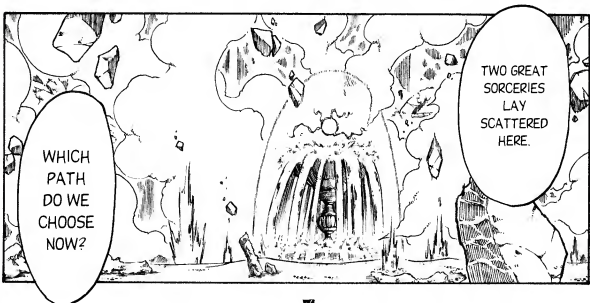
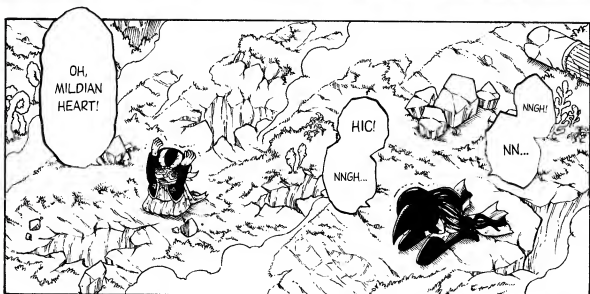
HE
DIDN'T
JUST
DO
THAT...!

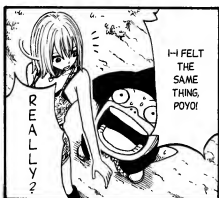
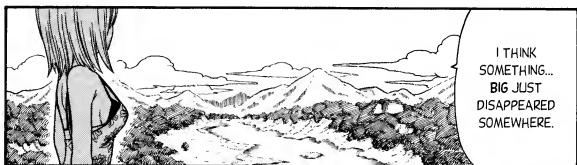


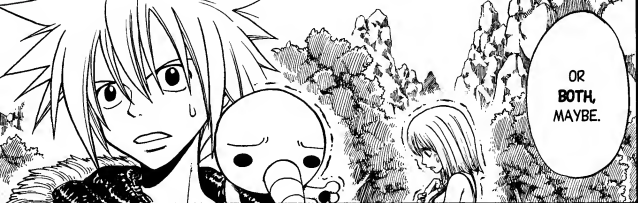


THAT'S
SO...

...CRUEL!



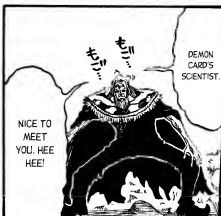




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MY
NAME
IS IGOR
KILKILA.

HEE HEE!
HAJA
KILLED
SIEG
WHEN HE
DIED, THE
CLEVER
SCAMP!

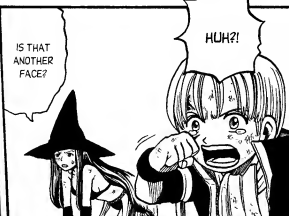


DEMON
CARD'S
SCIENTIST.

NICE TO
MEET
YOU. HEE
HEE!



IGOR
KILKILA?



HUH?!

IS THAT
ANOTHER
FACE?



MY OWN
BODY,
BACK
AT
LAST!

HEE,
IT'S
BEEN
SO
LONG!

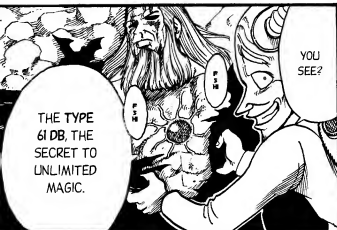


HAJA'S
DEATH
FINALLY
FREED
ME.

UM...EW.



HEE
HEE
HEE!



YOU
SEE?

THE TYPE
61 DB, THE
SECRET TO
UNLIMITED
MAGIC.

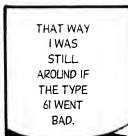


...BUT
'T WAS
I WHO
MADE
HIM
INFINITE.

HAJA
WAS AN
EXCELLENT
SORCERER...



HEE
HEE.



THAT WAY
I WAS
STILL
AROUND IF
THE TYPE
61 WENT
BAD.



HEE...

GEH
HEE...

HEE
HEE!



HE
SEALED
ME IN IT
TO KEEP
THE TRICK
HUSH-
HUSH.

HAJA
SNAPPED
ME UP
AND
STUFFED
ME INTO
HIS
BODY.



NOW I'VE
LOST MY
STANDING
WITH DC!

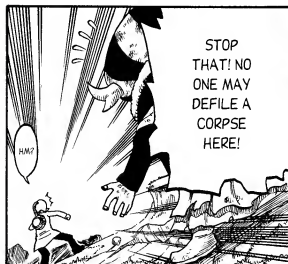
AND FOR
WHAT?!
TAKE
THAT
AND
THAT!

ER!



THIS OLD
COOT RUINED
EVERYTHING!

HE WAS
DRUNK ON
HIS OWN
AMBITION!



HAH?

STOP
THAT! NO
ONE MAY
DEFILE A
CORPSE
HERE!



HAH ...

I'LL
DICE
YOUR
BODY
INTO
TINY
PIECES!

HAH ...

HAH ...

HAH ...

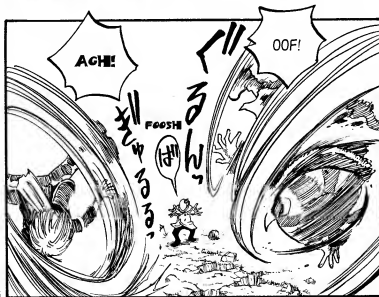
YOU'LL
PAY
FOR
ANGER-
ING ME!



NOW I CAN
EXPERIMENT
AGAIN ON
THE LIVING.

INDEED...
THE
DEAD ARE
USELESS.

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GET YOUR
HANDS
OFF HER.

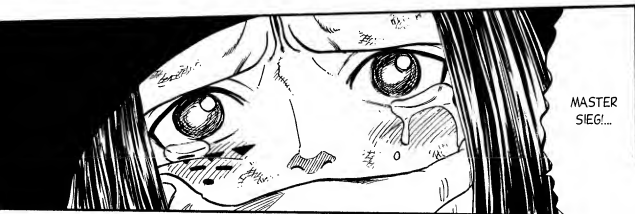
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WHAT?!



SIEG!



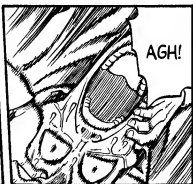
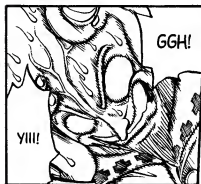
MASTER
SIEG!...

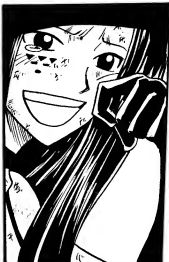
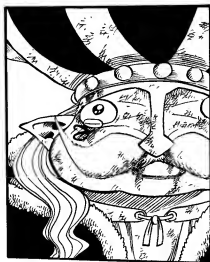
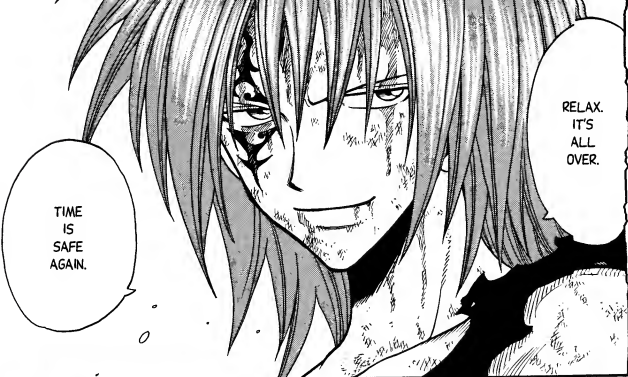


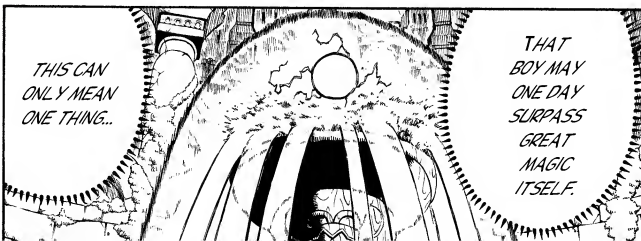
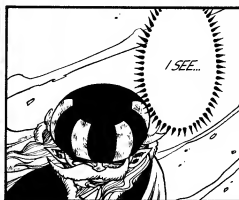
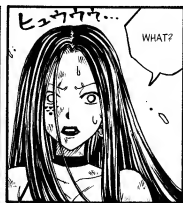
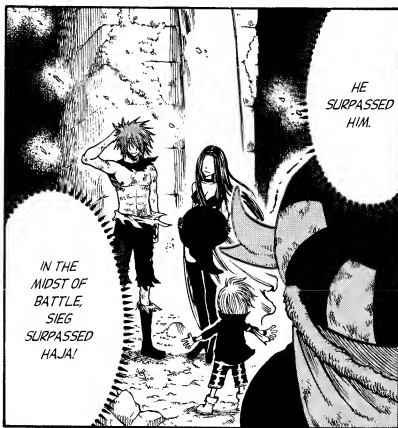
HAJA SELF-
DESTRUCTED
AT POINT-
BLANK
RANGE!

THIS ISN'T
POSSIBLE!
WHY
ARE YOU
ALIVE?!











I HAVEN'T
YET
FACED
SHAKUMA.

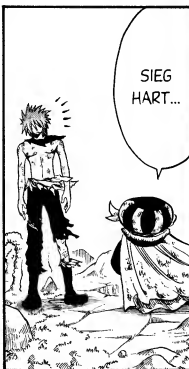
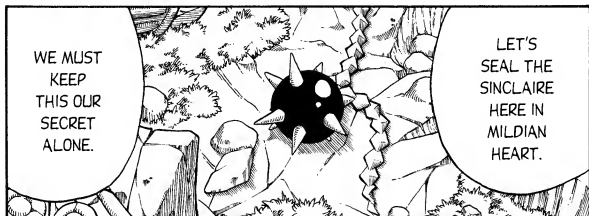
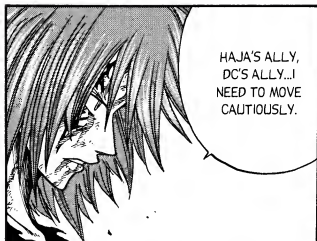


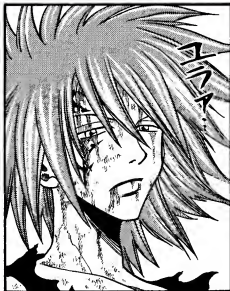
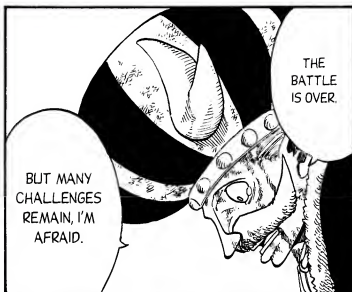
WHAT?!
YOU JUST
READ MY
MIND!

AND SO
EFFORT-
LESSLY!



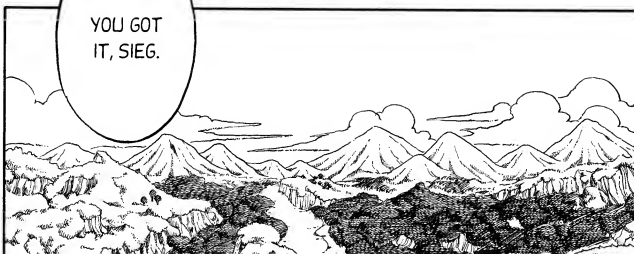
*SIEG HART
IS NOW THE
WORLD'S
GREATEST
SORCERER!*



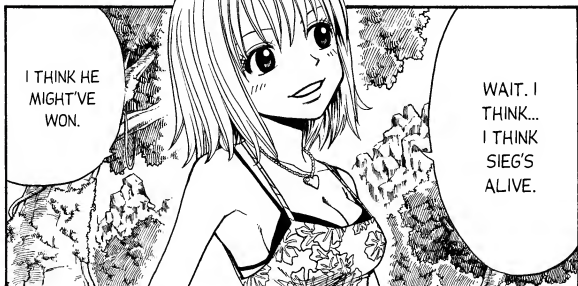




WHATEVER.
JUST LET
ME SLEEP.

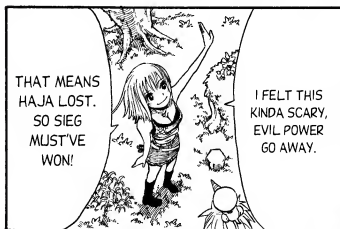


YOU GOT
IT, SIEG.



I THINK HE
MIGHT'VE
WON.

WAIT. I
THINK...
I THINK
SIEG'S
ALIVE.



THAT MEANS
HAJA LOST.
SO SIEG
MUST'VE
WON!

I FELT THIS
KINDA SCARY,
EVIL POWER
GO AWAY.



WHAT
MAKES YOU
SAY THAT?

REALLY?

MUNGE

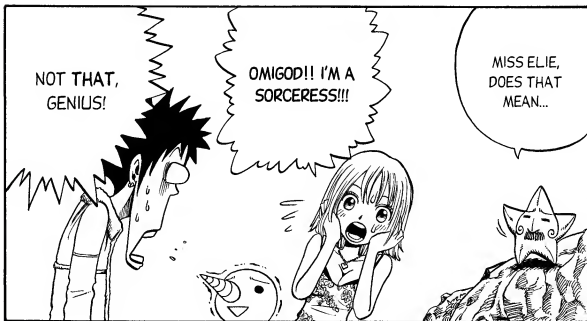
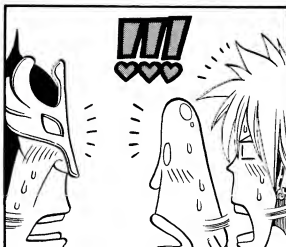
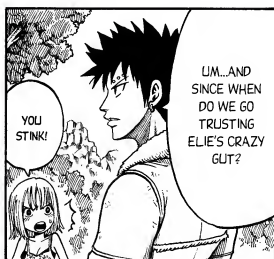


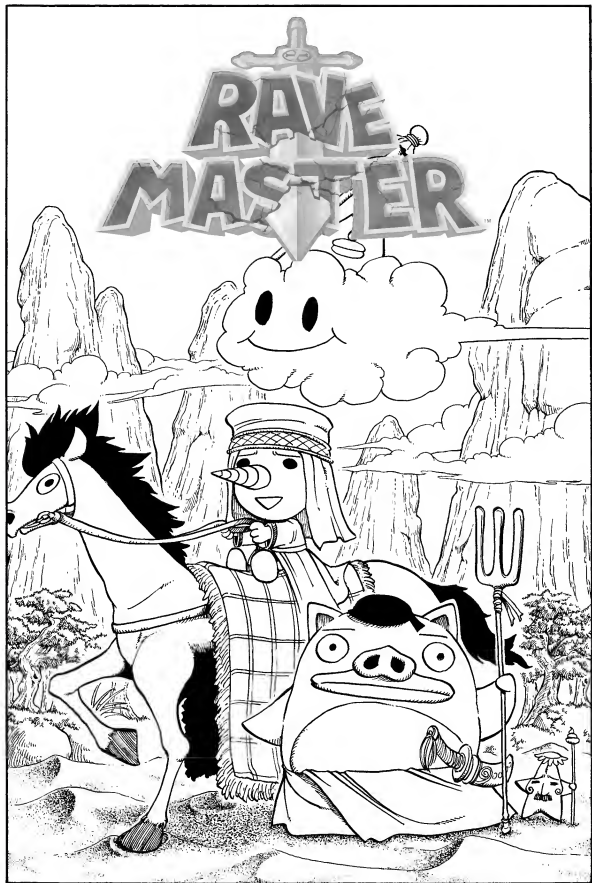
MWA HA HA
HA! JUSTICE
ALWAYS
TRIUMPHS!

AND THAT MEANS
SHUDA'S PLAN
TO KEEP THAT
SINCLAIRE OUT
OF DC'S HANDS
WORKED.

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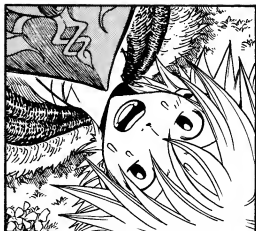
OH YEAH?
OH SNAP!
SIEG'S THE
MAN!

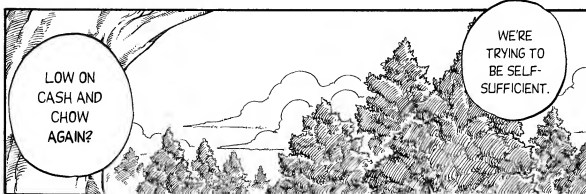
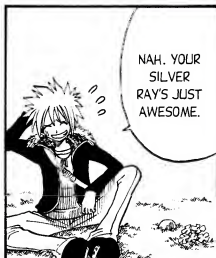


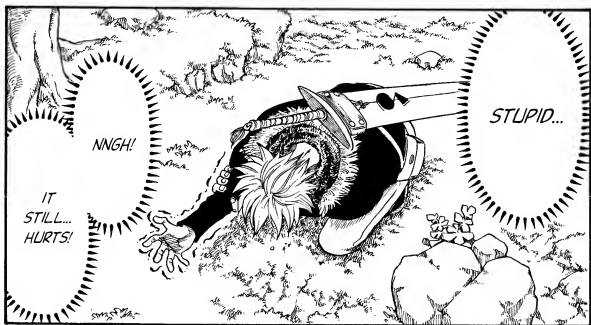
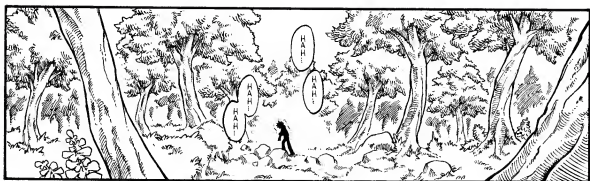


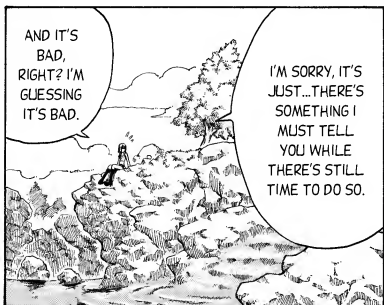
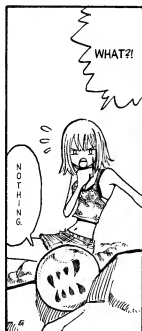
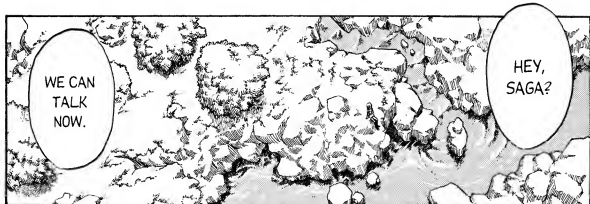
RAVE:178  BEYOND THE SMILE...

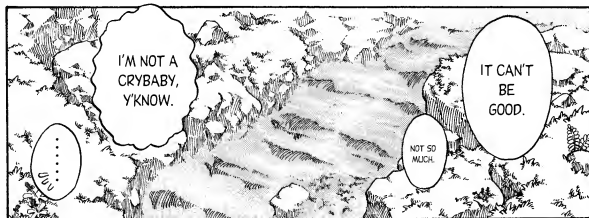




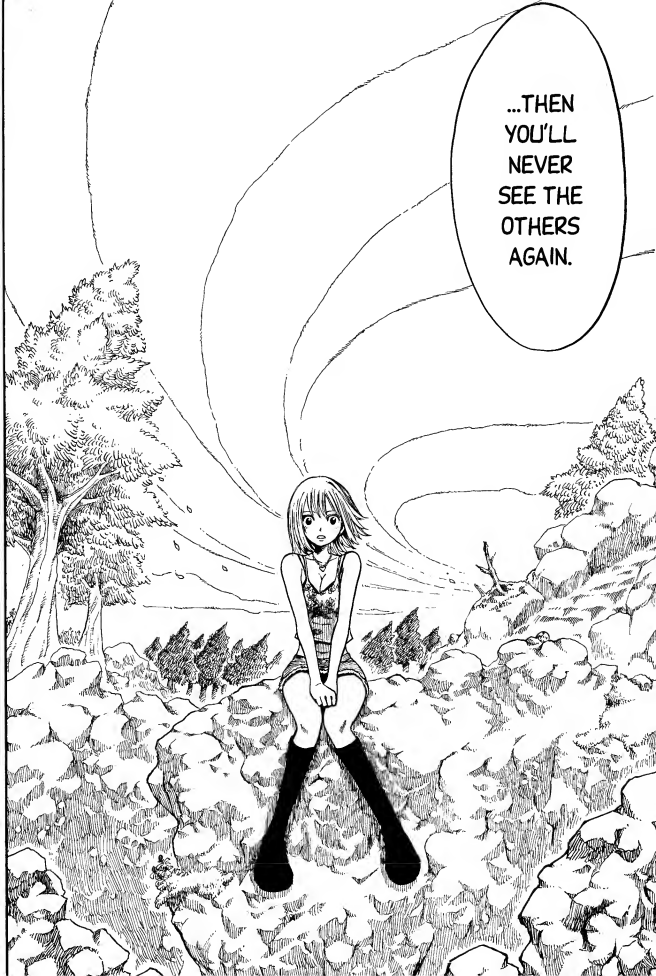


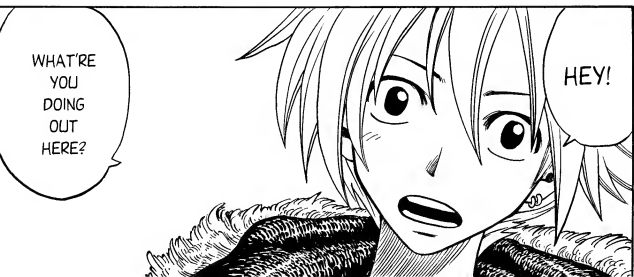
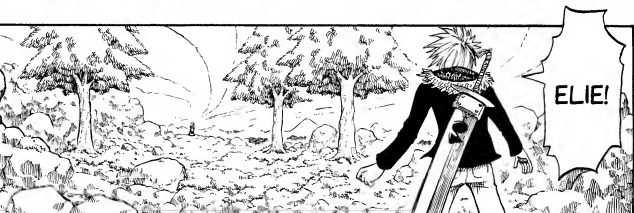
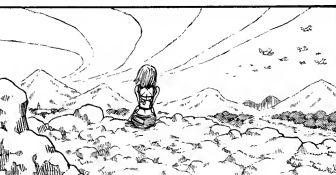




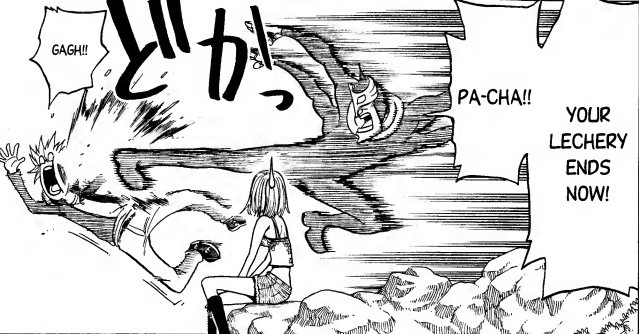


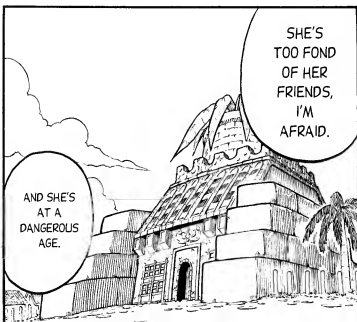
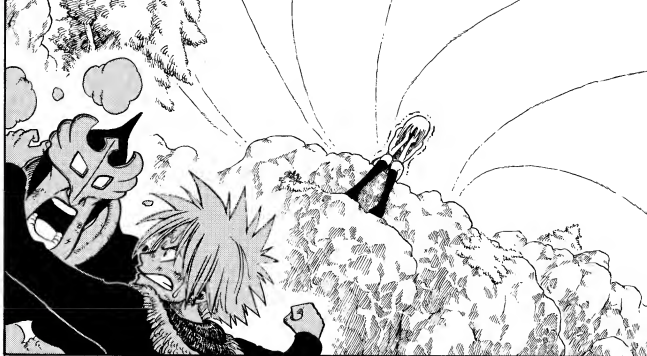
...THEN
YOU'LL
NEVER
SEE THE
OTHERS
AGAIN.

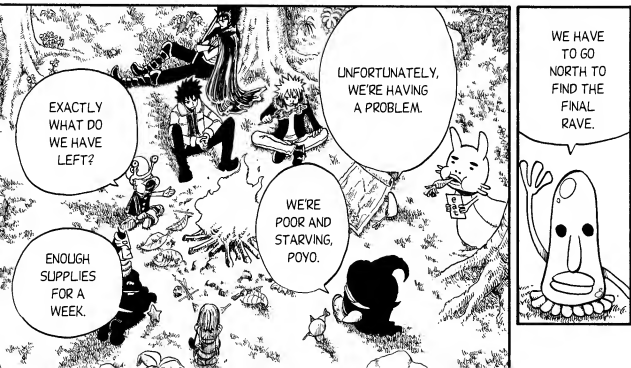


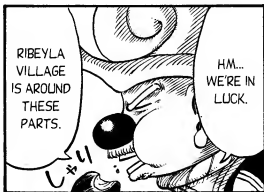
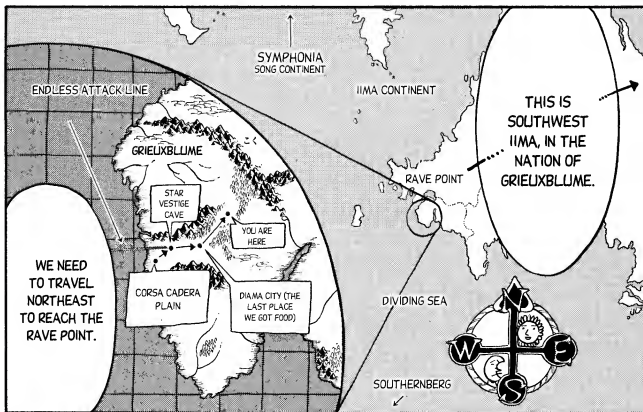










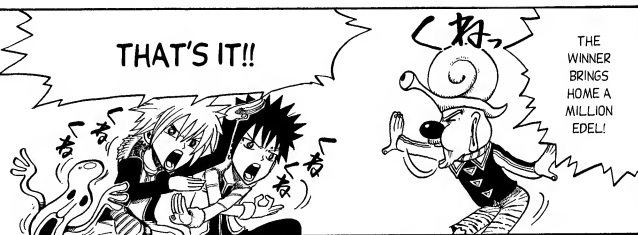




AND HERE'S
THE KICKER,
KIDS--
RIBEYLA HAS
A DANCE
CONTEST
THIS TIME
OF YEAR!



I'VE MORE
THAN
HEARD OF
IT-- I'VE
BEEN
THERE.



THAT'S IT!!



THE
WINNER
BRINGS
HOME A
MILLION
EDEL!



WHA--?!

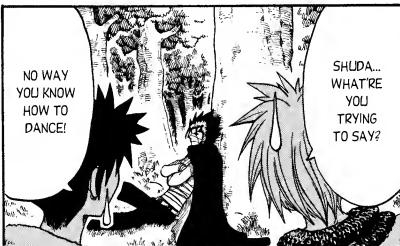
...WITH THESE
WOUNDS,
I'M STUCK
WATCHING. I
GUESS THERE'S
FUN IN THAT.



HMPH.
ALTHOUGH
I'D CUT THE
MEANEST RUG
YOU LITTLE
BOYS COULD
EVER SEE...



HEH
HEH...



NO WAY
YOU KNOW
HOW TO
DANCE!

SHUDA...
WHAT'RE
YOU
TRYING
TO SAY?



I WAS KING OF
THE **BALLET**
AS A KID.

Men
don't
wear
those.



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HMM...
GOES UP
THROUGH
AUGUST,
I'M PRETTY
SURE.

HOW
LONG
'TIL THE
EVENT?

DUDE,
I CAN
TOTALLY
SEE
THAT!

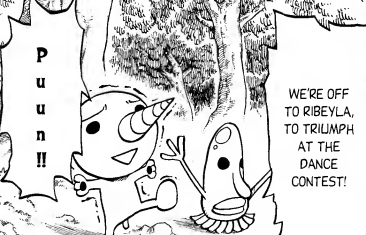
*Never
realized.*

あたふた

B...
BALLET?

LET'S HEAD
OUT TO THE
DANCING
MECCA
RIBEYLA.

THEN THAT
GIVES US TIME
TO TRAIN. SAY
GOODBYE TO
OUR MONEY
PROBLEMS.



P
u
n
n
!!

WE'RE OFF
TO RIBEYLA,
TO TRIUMPH
AT THE
DANCE
CONTEST!



THEN
THAT
SETTLES
IT, HM?

THERE'S
A BIG
HOSPITAL
THERE,
TOO.



IF 'TWERE
A BEAUTY
CONTEST,
MISTRESS ELIE
WOULD WIN.



THEY
WON'T BE
COMPETING.

GOTCHA,
POYO.



THE ETHNIC
DANCING FROM
GARAGE KICKS
PANTSUIT!

HA! IT'S A
BATTLE OF THE
DANCE, HARU!
THINK YOU CAN
KEEP UP!



SOMETHIN'
WRONG,
ELIE?

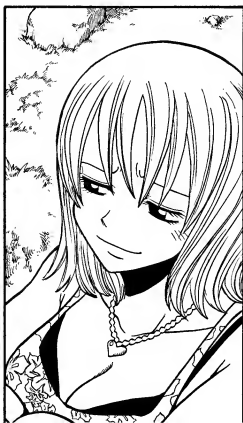
N-NO, I'M
FINE.

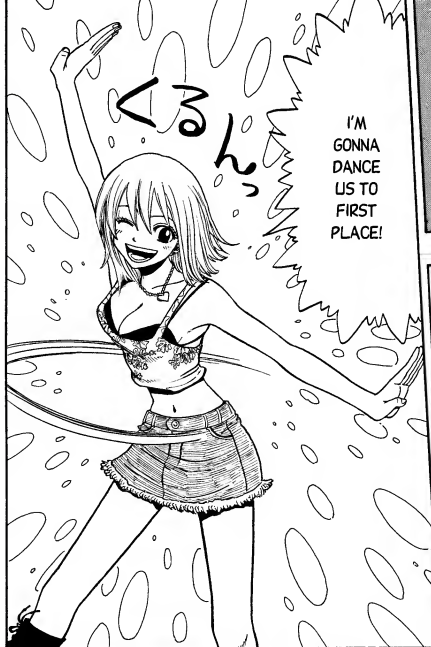
A
DANCING
CONTEST,
HUH?



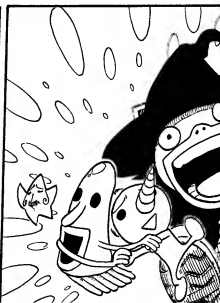
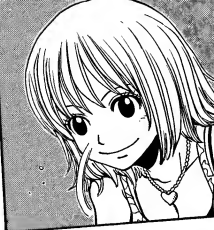
OH...BE
STILL MY
HEART!

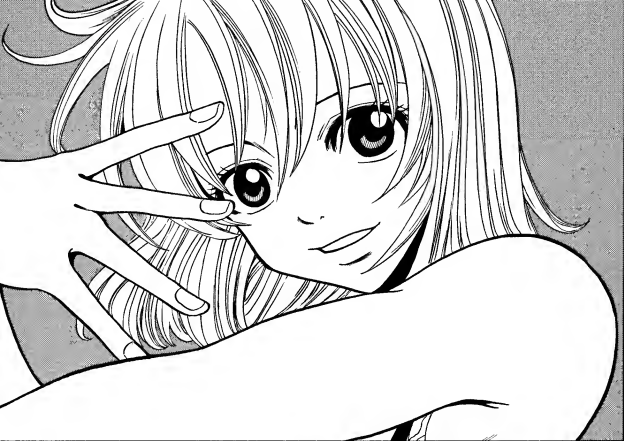
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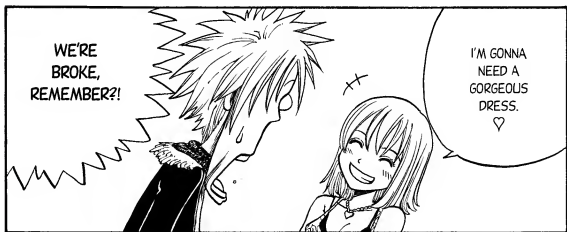
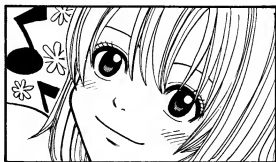
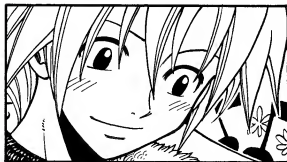
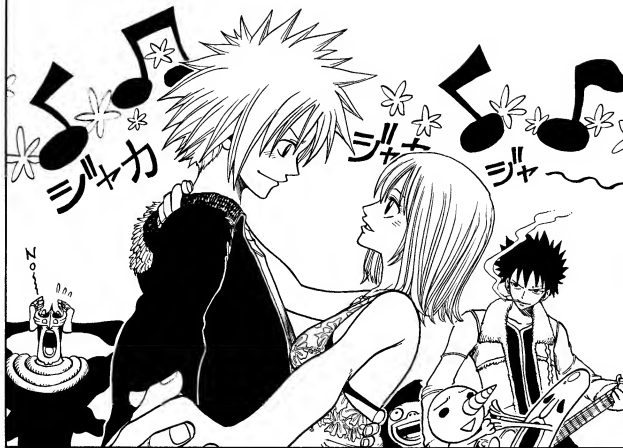




I'M
GONNA
DANCE
US TO
FIRST
PLACE!







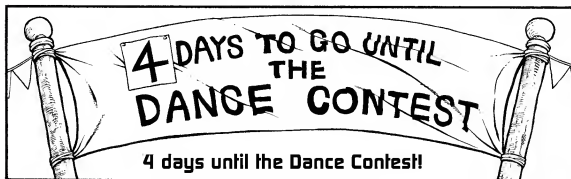


RAVE:179  **VILLAGE OF THE DANCE?!**



Ribeyla.
Village of
Dancers

RIBEYLA



**4 DAYS TO GO UNTIL
THE
DANCE CONTEST**

4 days until the Dance Contest!

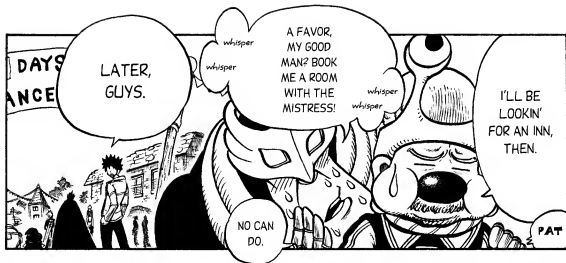


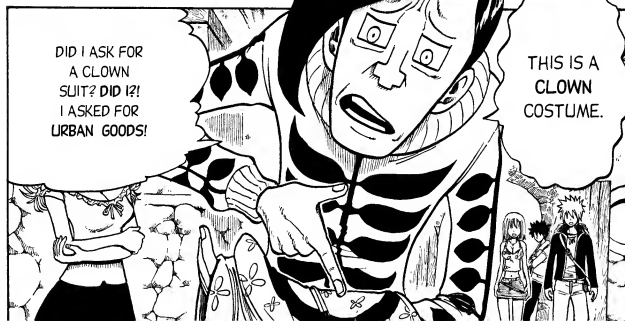
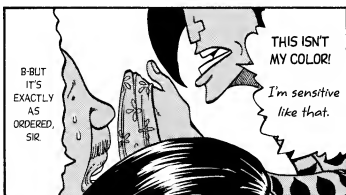
LET'S
HURRY UP
AND GET MY
COSTUME!

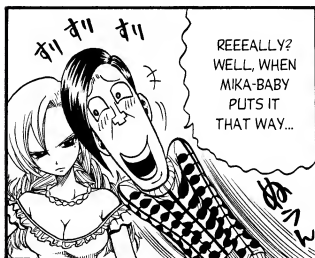
WE'LL
NEED MORE
LESSONS
THAN THAT.

WAIT--
WE'VE ONLY
GOT FOUR
DAYS?!

I
INSIST
THAT
IT BE
SEXY.



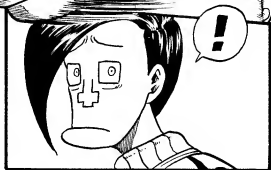






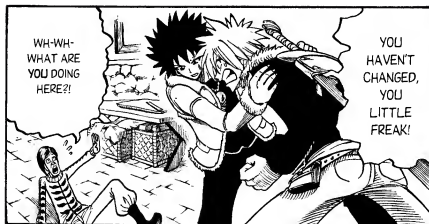
WH-WHAT
THE HELL
IS ALL
THIS?!

YOU
DISGUSTING,
LIMP-
WRISTED
SISSY!!



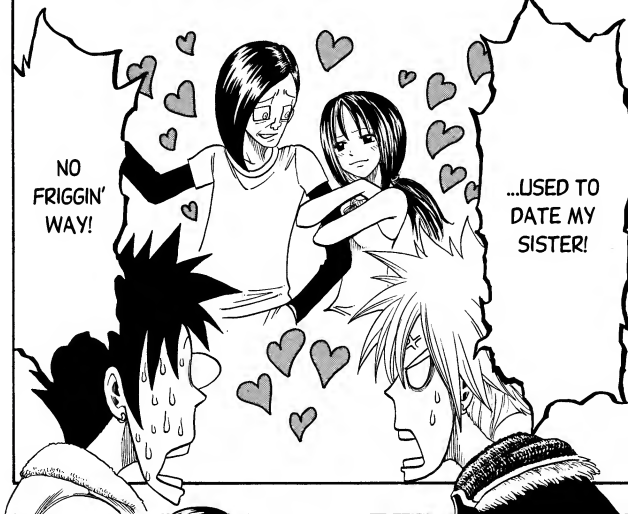
H-HARU?!





YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED,
YOU
LITTLE
FREAK!





NO
FRIGGIN'
WAY!

...USED TO
DATE MY
SISTER!



YOU'RE A
LONG WAY
FROM HOME,
AREN'T YOU,
HARU?

OOOH, THAT'S
RIGHT.
CATTY'S
WAITING UP
FOR ME.



HARU



IF CATTY
COULDN'T
TAKE IT,
THEN
THAT'S HER
PROBLEM.



YOU MADE
SIS CRY FOR
DAYS, YOU
SQUARE-EYED
FREAKFACE!

LIKE
HELL
SHE IS!





INDEED!
SHUDA
IS THE
CONTINENT'S
TOP--

YOU
WISH.



LUV...
WHAT?!



...WILL
TAKE HOME
THE GRAND
PRIZE!

WE, THE
"LUV-
DUBS"...



EVERYONE,
CALM
DOWN,
POYO!

Puun!!



RESTRAIN
YOURSELF,
SIR!!

SNACK

YOU CAN'T
WIN IF
YOU'RE
DEAD.



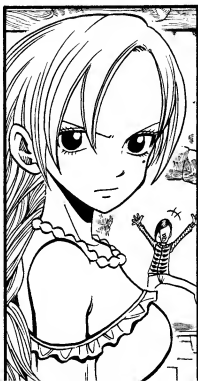
WHAT
?!

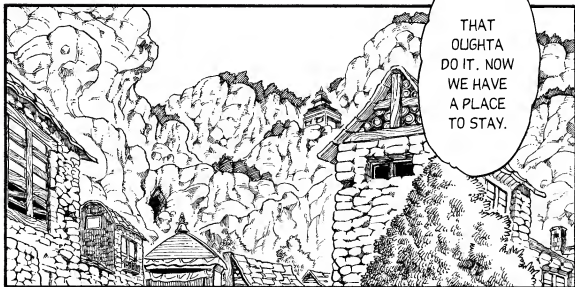
FINE. IN
FOUR DAYS,
MY PUPILS
WILL MOP
THE FLOOR
WITH YOU.



IN THE
VILLAGE OF
THE DANCE,
WE SETTLE
THINGS ON
STAGE.

PRECISELY.
THIS ISN'T
THE PLACE
FOR YOUR
BARBARIC
BEHAVIOR.

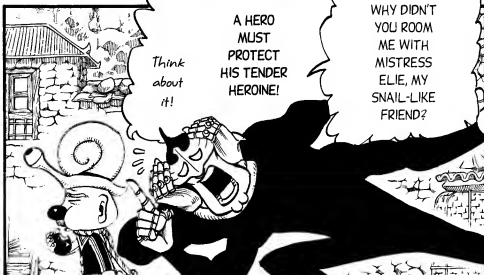




THAT
OUGHTA
DO IT. NOW
WE HAVE
A PLACE
TO STAY.



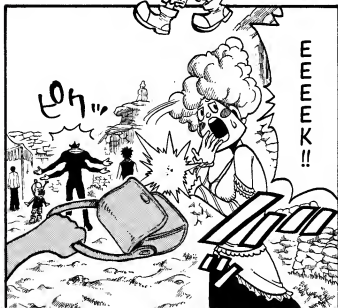
THAT'S
RIGHT!



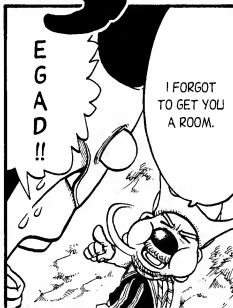
A HERO
MUST
PROTECT
HIS TENDER
HEROINE!

*Think
about
it!*

WHY DIDN'T
YOU ROOM
ME WITH
MISTRESS
ELIE, MY
SNAIL-LIKE
FRIEND?



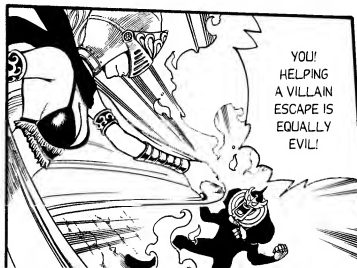
E E E E K !!



E G A D !!

I FORGOT
TO GET YOU
A ROOM.



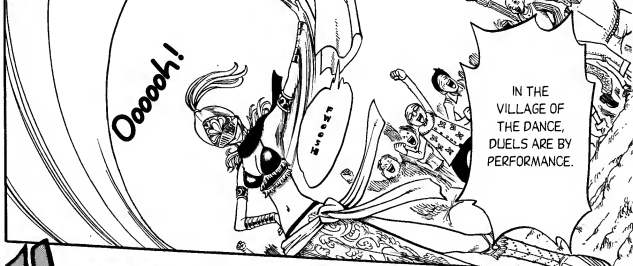


YOU!
HELPING
A VILLAIN
ESCAPE IS
EQUALLY
EVIL!



WHAT'S
THIS?!





Oooooh!

IN THE
VILLAGE OF
THE DANCE,
DUELS ARE BY
PERFORMANCE.



AS YOU
WISH!



I'M
IMPRESSED.



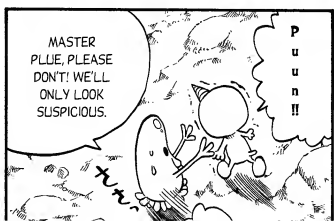
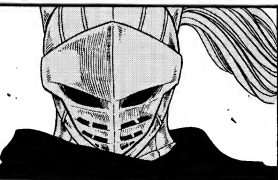
SHE'S
GOOD!



CHECK IT
OUT--TWO
MASKED
DANCERS!

IS IT A
FIGHT?
COOL!

THEY'RE
NOT
HALF-
BAD!





THE
MILLION
EDEL IS
AS GOOD
AS OURS!

BUT WE
LUV-DUBS
WILL TAKE
THE TOP
PRIZE.

WHO'S
THAT?
EW.

ピュル...

ざわ
ざわ

CAN'T
ENTER THE
CONTEST
THEN.

MM?

ざわ
ざわ

MM?
PLANNING
TO BE
VIOLENT IN
A PUBLIC
PLACE,
LITTLE
BOY?

MM?

GET YOUR
UGLY
MUG
OUTTA
MY FACE,
BRANCH.



ホソ

LOOK...

YOU'RE
FREE TO
ENTER THE
CONTEST...

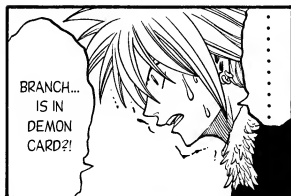
...BUT
STAY
AWAY
FROM
BRANCH.

ENJOY
WASTING
YOUR TIME
UNTIL THEN.
TOODLES!

I LOOK
FORWARD
TO THE
MAIN
EVENT.

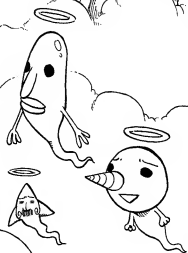
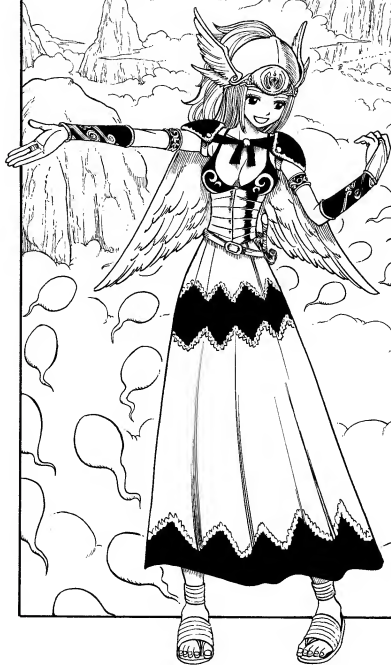
WELL, THIS
SHOULD BE
INTERESTING.

Puun!!



HMPH.

RAVE MASTER



RAVE:180 ⊕ SWAYING HEARTS

BRANCH
IS IN
DEMON
CARD?!

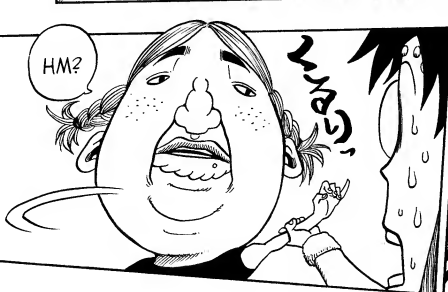
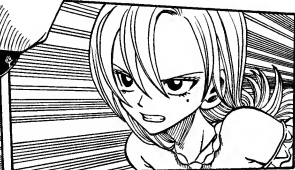




GET
BACK
HERE,
BRANCH!!

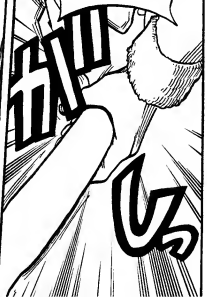
HARU!

!!!



HM?

YOU'RE NOT
LEAVING
'TILL WE
TALK,
LADY!



WELL
HELLO,
HANDSOME!

LOOK--
IT...
THE
SIZE
OF HER
FACE!

B
R
A
N
C
H
!!

...SHE'S
GONE.

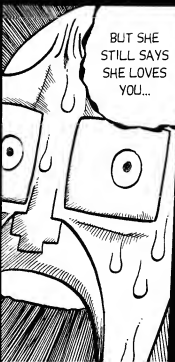
WHY
ARE YOU
CHASING
ME, YOU
BRUTE?!

WHY
ARE YOU
RUNNING,
DUNG
HEAP?!

DON'T
YOU
TRY
AND
RUN!!

BUT YOU TAUGHT
ME THE TRUE
MEANING OF
BRUTALITY, YOU
SISTER-COMPLEX
HAVIN' A FREAK!

YOU SEEMED
LIKE SUCH
A NICE BOY
WHEN I FIRST
MET YOU.

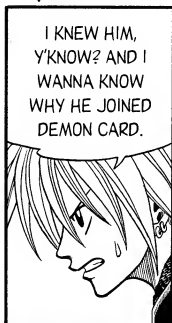






THAT
WALKING
TURD IS
FAST!

CRAP!



I KNEW HIM,
Y'KNOW? AND I
WANNA KNOW
WHY HE JOINED
DEMON CARD.



IT'S
NOT
THAT.

I GUESS HIM
BEING IN DC
IS ALL THE
EXCUSE YOU
NEED?

I'D PICK UP
SPEED IF
YOU WERE
CHASIN' ME.



WANNA GO
BACK TO
THE INN?

HE'S HERE ON
VACATION OR
SOMETHING.
STOP WORRYING
AND TAKE
IT EASY.

CUT US
SOME SLACK,
HARU-WE'VE
GOT ENOUGH
TROUBLE
ALREADY.

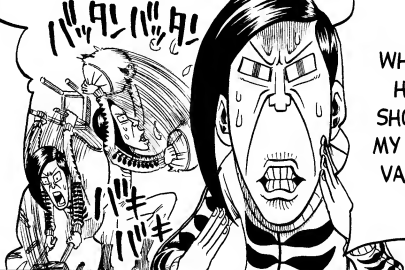


NO!!
RRGH!!

Just
let it
go.

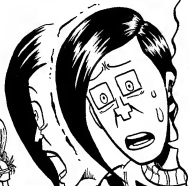
YOU'RE
NOT
GOOD AT
HATING
PEOPLE.

THAT
LITTLE
LOUT!!
THAT
TINY
FIEND!!



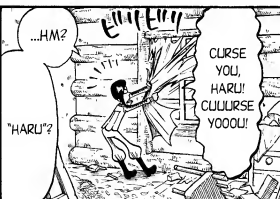
WHY DID HE
HAVE TO
SHOW UP ON
MY PRECIOUS
VACATION?!

MIKA-
BABY,
COULD
IT BE?



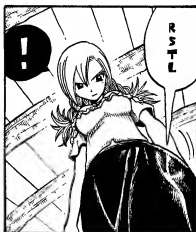
THAT'S...
THE SAME
NAME AS
THE RAVE
MASTER.

...HM?



CURSE
YOU,
HARU!
CUURSE
YOOOU!

"HARU"?

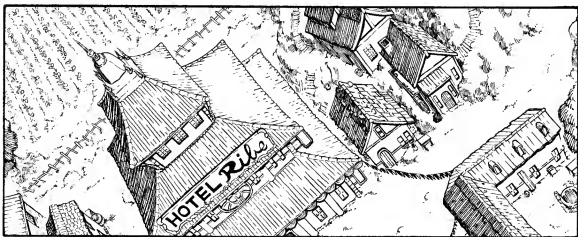
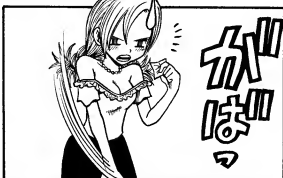
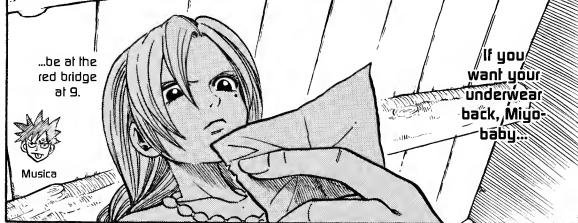


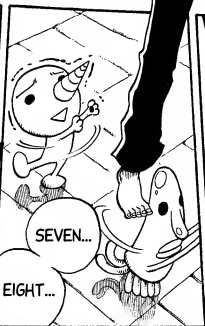
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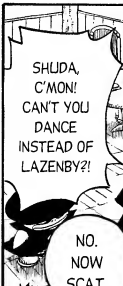
DEMON
CARD'S
MISTAKEN
HIM FOR
THE RAVE
MASTER!

WA HA
HA HA!!
HIS
LUCK'S
AS BAD
AS MINE!!











SHADDAP!

A...
K-KICK,
EH?



AFTER THE
PUNCH OF
FRIENDSHIP,
ALL WILL BE
FORGOTTEN.

IF YOU
DISLIKE
IT,
STRIKE
ME!



CALM
DOWN,
HARUJ.



IS THIS
BECAUSE
OF THAT
BRANCH
FELLOW?

HE'S
REALLY
AGITATED,
POYO.

CRIPES!
TAKE IT
EASY,
HARUJ!



WHATEVER.
I'M GOIN'
TO BED!

YOU
GOT
EATEN
AGAIN?!

SPARED
ONCE
MORE...

URGH...

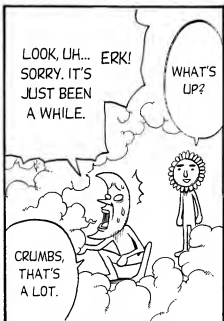
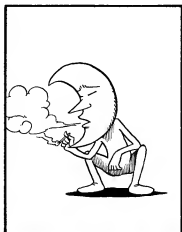
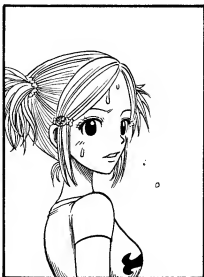
BLEGH!

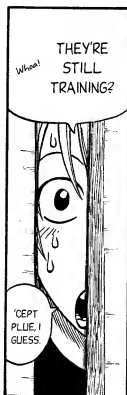
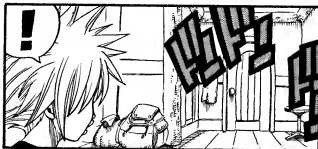


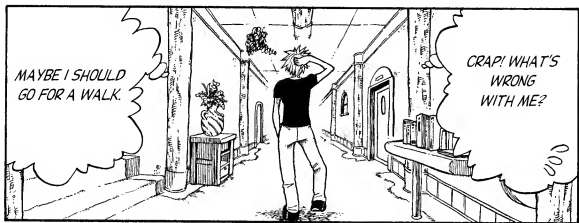
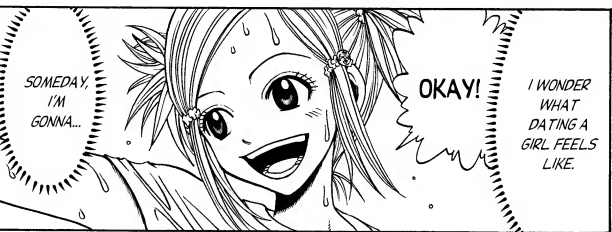
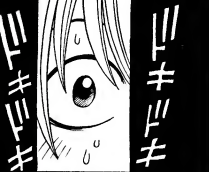
YOU'RE
NOT
HELPING!

S
I
L
E
N
C
E
!!

FORGET
ABOUT HIM.
THINK ONLY
OF YOUR
FUTURE
BROTHER.







LITTLE MISS
NO-DRAWERS
MIYO.

LOOK
WHO'S
HERE.

HERE. I
WAS JUST
BORROWING
'EM,
ANYWAY.

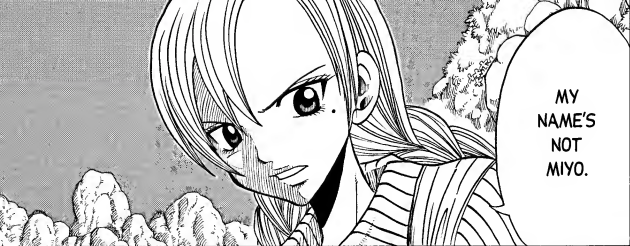
I'M WEARING
NEW ONES,
IF THAT'S
WHAT YOUR
FILTHY MIND
IS THINKING.

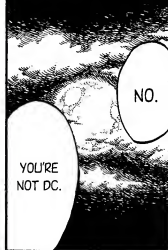
I'M
STARVING.
WANNA
GRAB A
BITE?

EASE
UP,
MIYO.

WHAT DO YOU
WANT? I DIDN'T
COME FOR THE
UNMENTIONABLES.

YOU
WANTED
TO
TALK?





YOU'RE
NOT DC.

NO.



AND WHAT IF
I'M DC? OUR
RELATIONSHIP
IS PURELY
PROFESSIONAL.

YOU GOT
CLOSE
BECAUSE
HE'S DC.

YOU'RE
NOT TIGHT
WITH THAT
GUY.



YOU'RE
NOT ONE
OF 'EM.

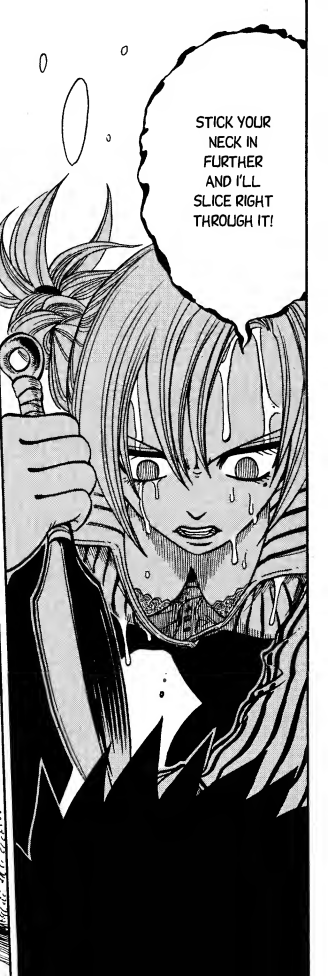
I KNOW
THE DC
WOMEN.



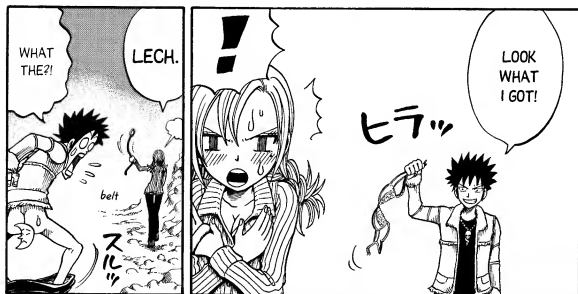


SORRY, BUT
I'VE NEVER
GONE EASY
ON GIRLS
JUST
'CAUSE
THEY MAKE
A SAD
FACE.

YOU MUST
THINK YOU'RE
TOUGH, GOING
AGAINST
DEMON CARD
ALONE.



STICK YOUR
NECK IN
FURTHER
AND I'LL
SLICE RIGHT
THROUGH IT!







Day of the Dance
Contest--
Morning!

AND THIS
FIERY
LITTLE
PIECE IS...
FOR, UH,
YOU, SIR?

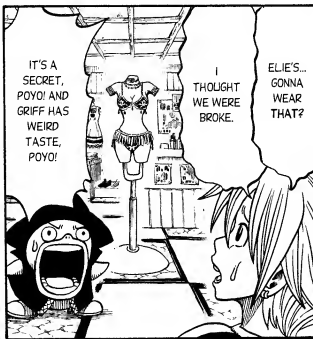


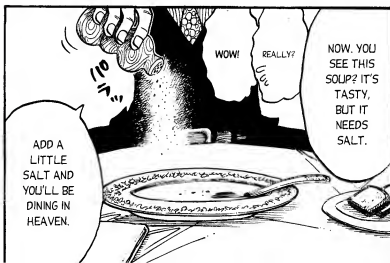
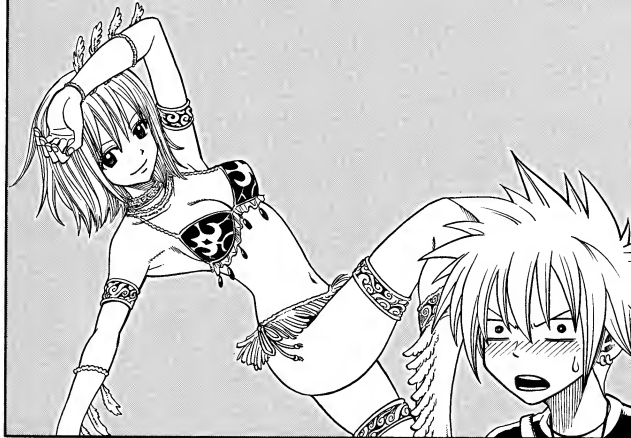
AH, SO IT'S
A PRESENT!
IT'LL LOOK
SMASHING
ON A YOUNG
LADY.

IT'S A
SECRET,
POYO.

NO,
POYO.







IT TASTES
LIKE THIS
IN MY
CITY.

*Where we're
civilized, y'see.*

PRU

MMM...
SALTY.

WHY DON'T
YOU ASK
US OUT, MR.
BRANCH?!

A PURE CITY
BOY LIKE
ME IS FAR
DIFFERENT.

Ha ha ha ha ha!

SIP

WE'RE
SO GLAD
TO MEET
YOU!

AMAZING,
MR. BRANCH!
YOU
REALLY ARE
CIVILIZED!

HA HA
HA! YOU
CAN SPOT
COUNTRY
YOKELS
FROM 30
PAGES.

BEGGING
YOUR
PARDON?

HO
HO.

EXCUSE
ME! DID
YOU HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY,
SIR?!

MR. BRANCH,
TELL US
MORE!

LOH!

OOH.
SURE.

BAH.

A CIVILIZED
LIFE IS
ALWAYS
BUSY,
LADIES.

BWA HA HA
HA HA HA!!

THAT'S
IT, YOU
GEEZER!

DO YOU
HAVE A
PROBLEM
WITH
ME?!

DO YOU
REALIZE
WHO I
AM?!

WE'RE...
NOT AC-
QUAIN-
TED, NO.

STOP
LAUGHING!

HO
HO!

HUH?!

GARAGE?!
THAT'S
EVEN MORE
REMOTE
THAN HERE!

IT'S JUST...YOU
SPOILT YOUR
"CITY MAN"
TALK WITH A
GARAGE ISLAND
ACCENT.

HO
HO!

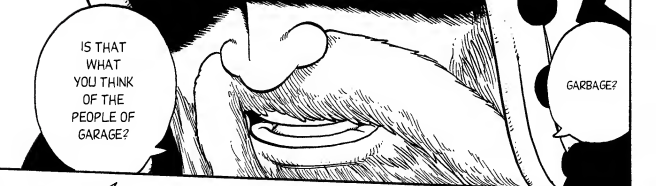
ONLY GARBAGE
COULD LIVE IN
A BACKWATER
DUMP LIKE
THAT.

HE'S
REALLY A
BUMPKIN?
AW, NUTS!

BUT HE GETS
ALL PRICKLY
WHEN WE
TALK ABOUT
RURAL STUFF!

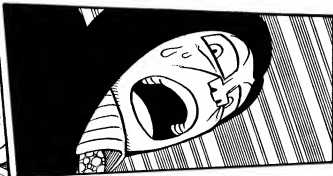
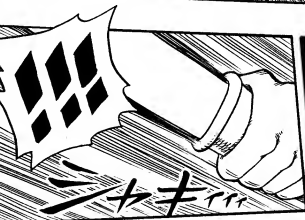
BRANCH
IS KINDA
A GARAGE
NAME.

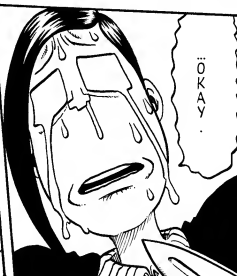
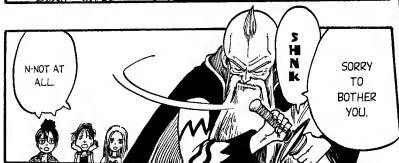
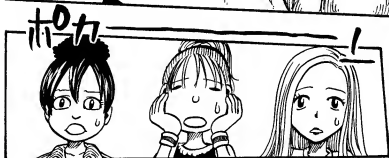
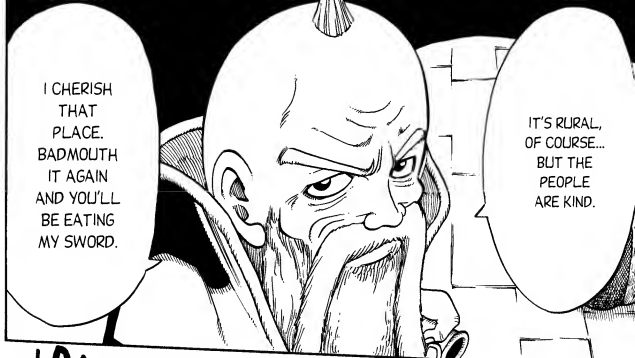
DON'T SAY
THAT!

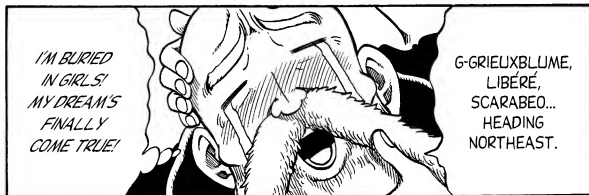
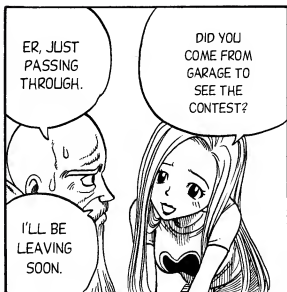


IS THAT
WHAT
YOU THINK
OF THE
PEOPLE OF
GARAGE?

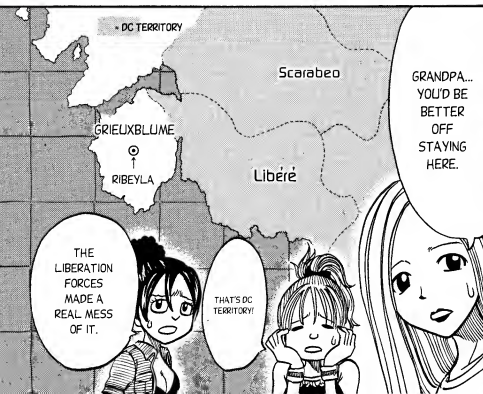
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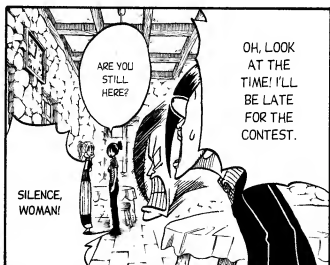


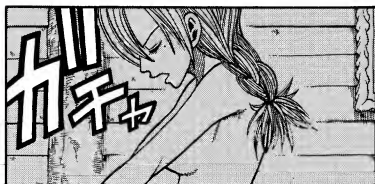


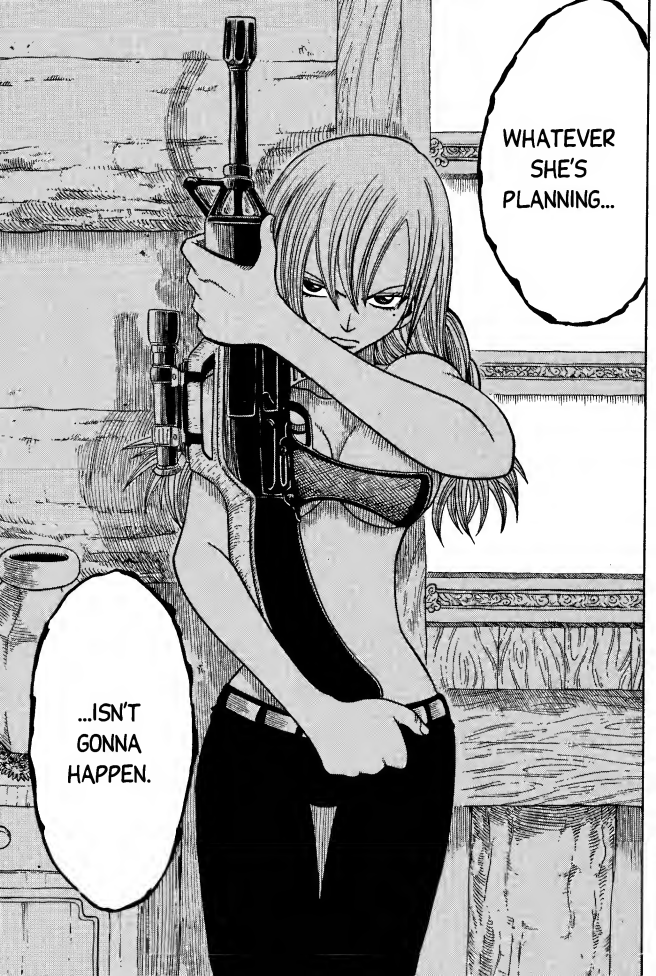


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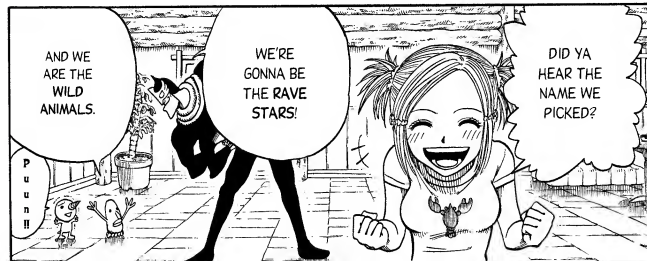
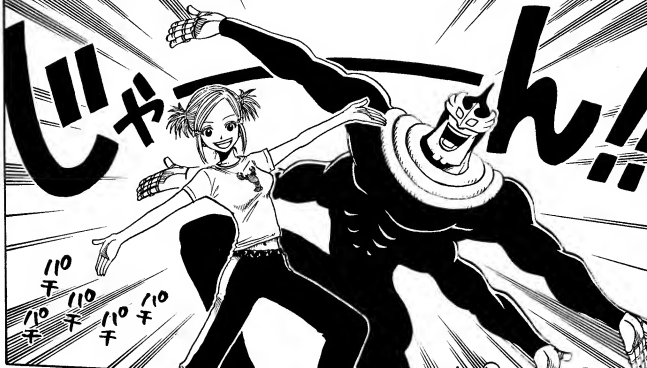






WHATEVER
SHE'S
PLANNING...

...ISN'T
GONNA
HAPPEN.



FIRST
PLACE
IS OURS!

THEY
CAN DO
THIS.

I SUPPOSE
THAT'S IT
FOR COMPE-
TITION,
THEN?

BUT WE'RE
STILL THE
BETTER
DANCERS.

Okay!-
Let's go-
eat!

Indeed!

SOME-
ONE'S
BEEN
PRACTI-
CING.

HEH
HEH...

WHERE'D MUSICA
RUN OFF TO? THE
CONTEST'S ABOUT
TO START.



NEVER
FEAR-I
WILL FIND
HIM!



WHA--YOU
WERE DOING
NOTHING,
WEREN'T
YOU?!



SECRET
SHOPPING,
POYO.



HARU, RUBY!
WHERE WERE
YOU?



WE'RE
BACK!



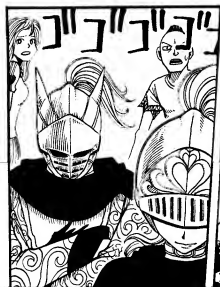
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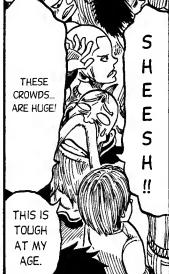
Dance
Contest
Stage

WOW!
CHECK OUT
ALL THE
PEOPLE!

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せわ

LET'S STICK
TOGETHER,
GUYS.





NO, NO. I
DON'T HAVE
THE TIME TO
WATCH THIS.

THAT
REMINDS
ME OF...
HER.

DANCING.

I HAVE
TO GO!

THIS
WHOLE
MESS IS
MAKING ME
FORGET MY
SCHEDULE.

...TO THE NORTH...

TO
ALPINE!!



WE'RE
HERE TO
COMPETE!
STEP
ASIDE!



EACH WITH
HIS OWN
AGENDA,
HARU AND
MUSICA...



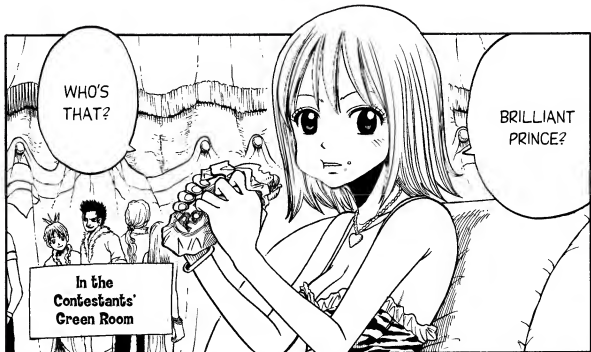
AND HENCE
THE DANCE
CONTEST
BEGUN!

WE'RE
LEAVING
THEM.

...BEGAN
TO
DANCE.



RAVE:182  **THE ACTORS ARE ASSEMBLED!**





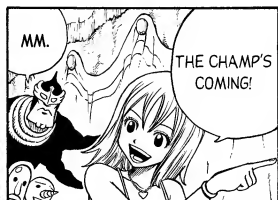
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		20	Lion & Hippo	30

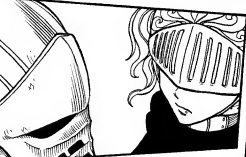
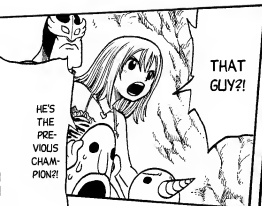
PLUE
AND GRIFF
ARE GOING
FIRST!

THAT'S BAD.
JUDGES GIVE
LOWER SCORES
TO EARLIER
PERFORMANCES.









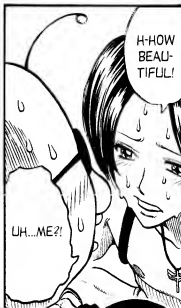
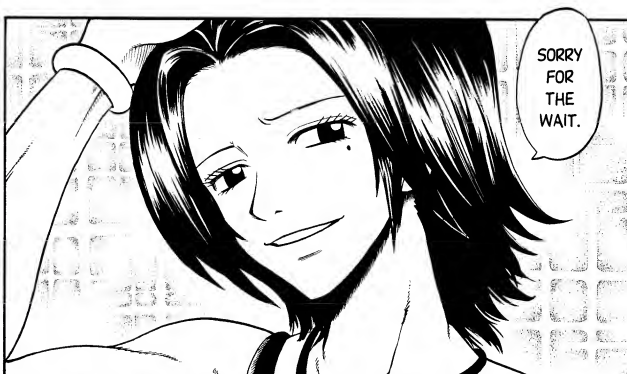
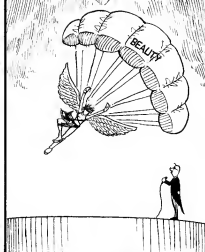
THAT
GUY?!

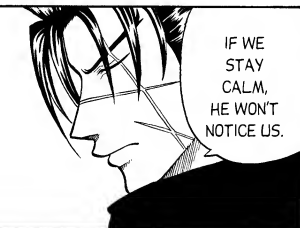
IULIUS,
SIR!

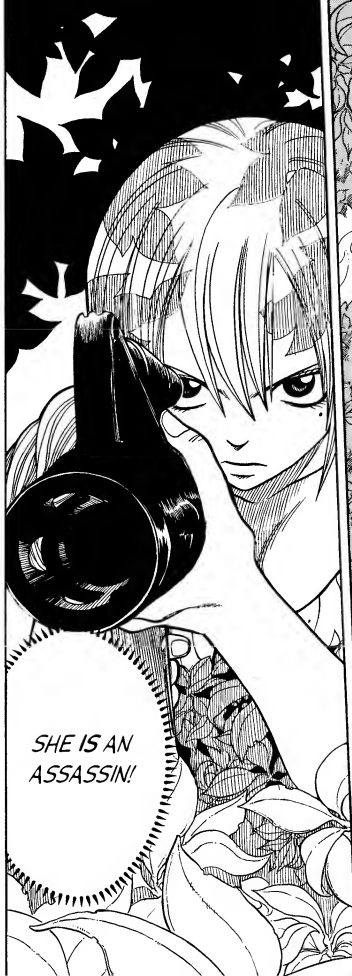
...IULIUS!

...THE
BRILLIANT
PRINCE...





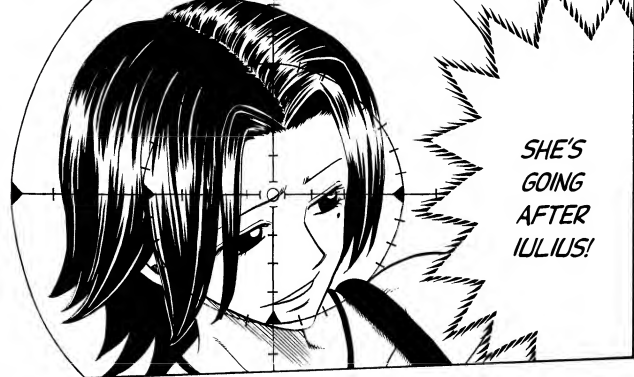




*SHE IS AN
ASSASSIN!*



*THAT
GIRL!*



*SHE'S
GOING
AFTER
IULIUS!*



*SHE COULD
FIRE FROM
ANYWHERE!*

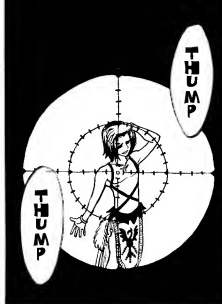
*AH, CRAP...
I'M WAY
TOO LATE
ON THIS!*

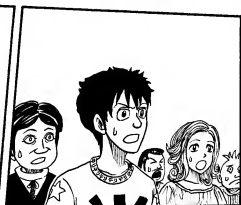
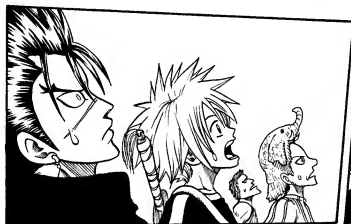


*...NOBODY'LL
BE ABLE TO
GET OUT!*

*IF THE
CROWD GOES
NUTS...*

DAMMIT!







SERVING
UP SOME
SWEET
PAYBACK!!

ELIE,
STAGE
RIGHT!!

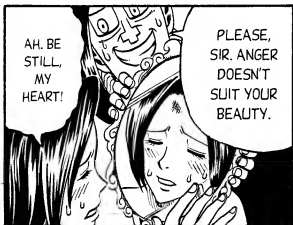
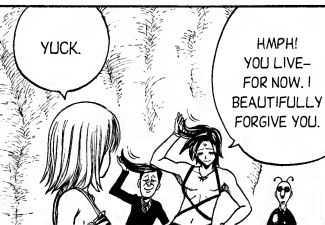
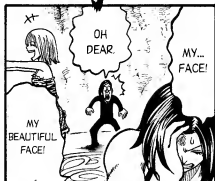
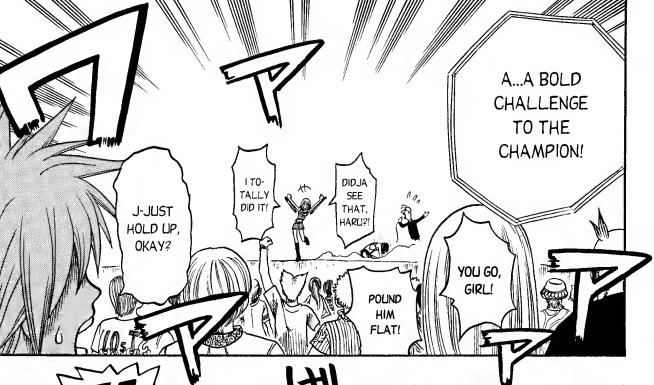
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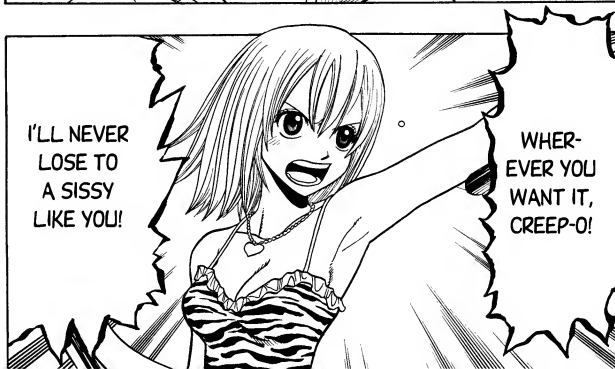
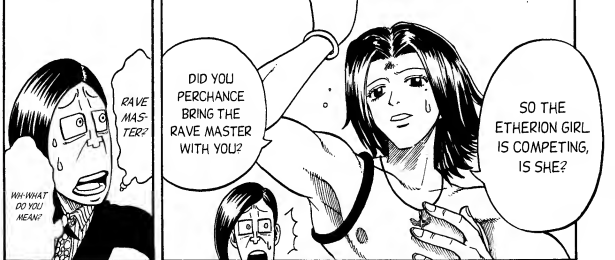


AW,
MAN...
ELIE!

UH-OH.

ELIE?





CRAP
ON A
STICK.

YEEH.

YOU
SAID IT,
MAN!

I'M
CHEERING
FOR THE
CHICK.

WHOA!

WELL...IT
COULD BE
WORSE.

YOU
TELL
HIM,
GIRL
FRIEND!

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IULIUS.
HE WAS ALWAYS
THE IDIOT OF THE
ORACION SIX.

WHAT
NOW? HE'S
PROBABLY
PLANNING
SOMETHIN'.

I'LL WAIT
FOR HIS TURN
TO DANCE.

THAT'S JUST GREAT!
RRGH...AT LEAST
I STILL HAVE
ANOTHER CHANCE.

MAY...WHY
IS SHE DOING
THIS ANYWAY?

I HAVE TO
KEEP MY EYES
PEELED-IULIUS
IS GONNA BE
VULNERABLE
DURING HIS
ROUTINE.

...AND START
IMMEDIATELY
WITH THE
PERFORMANCES!

HEY!

WE'LL SKIP
OVER THE
INTRODUCTION
OF OUR
JUDGES...

APOLOGIES,
EVERYONE!
THE OPENING
CEREMONY
TOOK LONGER
THAN
PLANNED!

HOORAY!
HOORAY!
P-L-U-E!
G-R-I-F-F!

ALL RIGHT!
LET'S
SCREAM
REAL LOUD,
OKAY?

あああああ

PLEASE
WELCOME
OUR FIRST
PAIR, THE
WILD
ANIMALS!

ER...ARE
THOSE
EVEN
HUMAN?

ズンズンズン

カカカカカ

ハハハハハ
AT ANY
RATE,
BEGIN!

パラパラ

ゴロゴロゴロ...

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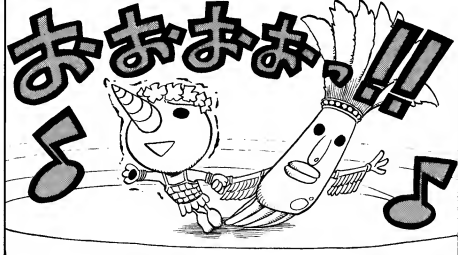
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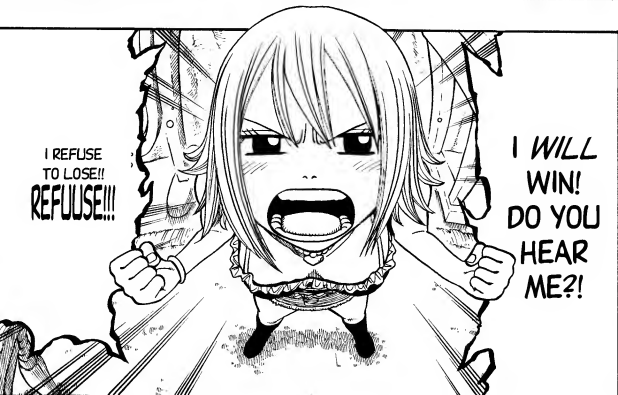
THAT
WAS
REALLY
GOOD!

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO SAY!

UH...
YEAH?



おおおお!!



I REFUSE
TO LOSE!!
REFUSE!!!

I WILL
WIN!
DO YOU
HEAR
ME?!



JUSTICE
WILL
SURE-
-LY-

LEAVE
IT TO ME,
MISTRESS!



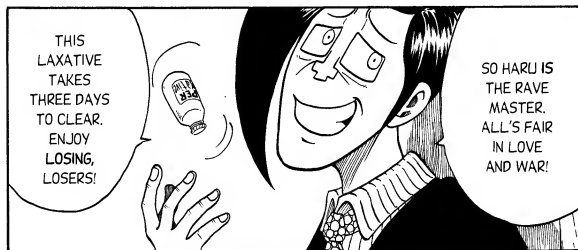
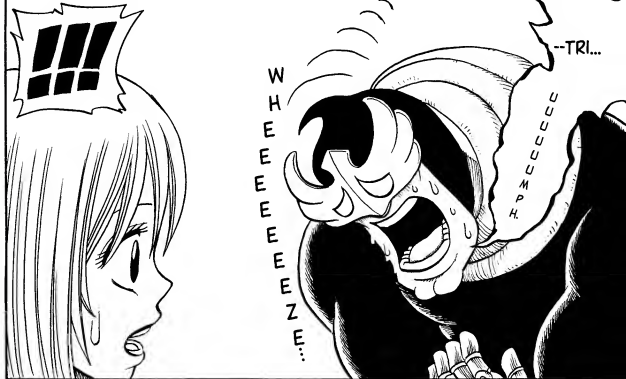
ふはー...

CHINK



I'LL
KICK
THAT
GRIFF
INTO
ORBIT!

DO THEY
REALIZE
WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING TO
US?!



TO BE CONTINUED

Q&A CORNER

Q. Are we gonna get an Elie shower scene?
(Konomi – Osaka Prefecture)

A. Do I have to?! All right, all right. I'll get around to it... when I remember.

Q. Why hasn't Feber appeared here or there?
(Lolicon Behind Bars – Aida Prefecture)

A. So you all remember Feber, huh? (The DC minion Haru pounded in Volume 1.) Hmm...why hasn't he shown up, I wonder? He'll be somewhere next time. It'll be like a date.

Q. I saw Shiba listed as both a like and a dislike in the profile for Clea of the Four Knights of the Blue Sky. Why's that?

A. Women are complicated, kids! Clea's a knight, too; she might be jealous of Shiba, who's more powerful than she is. Like, "He's strong, I hate him!" On the other hand, she may like him as a man and not as a knight. Anyway, imagine whatever you want *laughs*.

Q. This is kinda old, but Celia's sea magic seemed to have "sea" stuffed into all the spell names. Like Water Cae(Sea)sar.

A. Nice of you to notice--I forgot about all that.

Q&A CORNER

Q. Okay. In Vol. 20, when Elie punched out Lazenby, Elie's punch power was 7560 and Lazenby's defense power was 17? I'm losing sleep over it. Please, explain! *bows*

(Oii You, that (abridged) Miss Heroine over there! – ? Prefecture)

A. PEN NAME! LONG! I HAD TO (ABRIDGE) IT!

But...you do raise a novel question, so here comes the answer.

First, Elie's basic punch power is 200. And Lazenby's basic defense power is 7000. So--how can a 200-power punch beat a 7000-power defense? These are the modifiers in effect at the time.

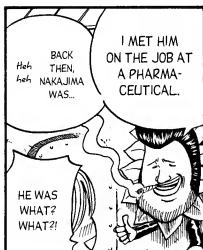
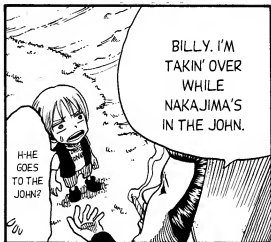
ELIE

Elie's basic punch power		YOU!!! IDiot!!!		Haru's in trouble		A maiden's anger		Punch power at time 1000
200	+	200	+	300	+	300	=	

LAZENBY

Lazenby's basic defense power 7000		Waking from nap		Stomach in bad shape		Girl punch. No big deal...		Defense at time
	-	1000	-	2500	-	3000	=	500

And that's why the punch worked. Wow, I filled an entire page with this. *bows*





"AFTERWORDS!"

UGH! MY PLACE IS A MESS! I'VE NEVER BEEN GREAT AT ORGANIZATION, BUT NOW THE PLACE IS A COMPLETE DUMP. YLUCK! IT'LL LOOK GOOD IN NO TIME, THOUGH. (<-- EXCUSE)

SO...THIS VOLUME. I'D MEANT TO DO THE PEOPLE OF TIME EPISODE FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT IT STARTED TO FEEL LIKE IT WAS TAKING TOO LONG. I'M SURE YOU WERE WORRYING ABOUT HOW A BEAST LIKE HAJA COULD BE BEATEN WHEN HE COULD BLOCK ALL OF SIEG'S MAGIC... AND THEN HE GETS IMPALED BY A BROKEN STAFF. OOGA! I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL LIKE, "AH, I SEE." OR, "OH, JEEZ!" (LAUGHS) SOMEWHERE AROUND CHAPTER 177, LAZENBY FELL IN LOVE WITH ELIE. NOT A LOT OF FORESHADOWING AT THE TIME...

SORRY. OOGA! (THINGS HAVE BEEN FAST AND FURIOUS LATELY.) CHAPTER 179 WITH THE "PURSE-SNATCHING KID" WAS A SORT OF HOMAGE TO A CERTAIN WORK. NOT LIKE ANYONE NOTICED. I WAS GOING TO DO THE STRIP SCENE WITH MIKA-CHAN (ALIAS) ON THE NIGHT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY (WHEN MUSICA STOLE HER BRA BY THE RIVER), BUT SINCE I'D DEDICATED CHAPTER 181 TO THE "DAWN OF THE DANCE CONTEST," I HAD TO FIT IT IN WITH THAT. I THOUGHT A NAKED WOMAN WITH A GUN WOULD ADD TO THE MOOD. OOGA! NEXT VOLUME'S GONNA BE COOL. EVERYONE COME SEE! OOGA!

HIRO MASHIMA